

## Transforming Trash into Treasure

Emma Chen is an artist from San Francisco, USA, who turns discarded items into incredible works of art. Known as the creator of "Urban Reflections," Emma uses broken mirrors, old CDs, and glass bottles to make stunning mosaics that shine in the sunlight. Her art is not just beautiful; it also carries a powerful message about waste and sustainability.

Recently, Emma teamed up with Luis Torres, a sculptor from Mexico City. Luis is known for making sculptures out of scrap metal he finds in junkyards. He creates metal animals and plants, each one symbolizing the balance between nature and human impact. "When people look at my sculptures, I want them to think about how we affect the environment," says Luis. "Art can be a reminder that we need to take better care of our planet."

Emma and Luis decided to work together on a project called "Pieces of Nature." They collected materials from beaches, streets, and recycling centers, combining Emma's colorful mosaics with Luis's metal sculptures. Their project was displayed in both San Francisco and Mexico City, attracting visitors who were amazed at how "trash" could be turned into meaningful art.

Emma also shares DIY tutorials on social media, encouraging people to make their own upcycled art. Luis visits schools to talk to students about creating art from recycled materials. "When young people see that they can turn waste into something valuable, they become more aware of the importance of protecting the environment," he explains.

Together, Emma and Luis are using their talents to show that beauty can be found in unexpected places and that everyone has a role in caring for the Earth.

### Questions for Comprehension:

What materials does Emma use for her art?

What message does Emma want to convey through her mosaics?

Where does Luis find materials for his sculptures?

What does Luis want people to think about when they see his sculptures?

What is the name of the project that Emma and Luis worked on together?

Where was the "Pieces of Nature" project displayed?

How does Emma encourage people to create their own art?

Why does Luis talk to students in schools?

What do Emma and Luis want people to understand about art made from recycled materials?

How does this story show that everyone can help protect the environment?

