



The internet is a great place to start. Choose your favorite search engine and go to work. If you have an idea about how to do something that you have never done before, research it. Try websites like www.youtube.com, type in your idea, ex. “jewelry making,” and there are many videos that will pop up on jewelry making. Go out and get your supplies and go to work. Don’t plan on becoming a millionaire right away. It may take years and time. Just enjoy what you are doing and the money will come.



Here is a mini list of websites to get you started in exploring your passions.

<http://www.hgtv.com>

www.diynetwork.com

<http://rubyglen.com/crafts.htm>

www.about.com

<http://www.wikihow.com/Main-Page>

Good video websites:

<http://www.youtube.com>

<http://www.5min.com>

<http://ehow.com>

If you are interested in making and selling jewelry, here are two of many websites to view.

<http://www.home-jewelry-business-success-tips.com/>

www.about.com/jewelrymaking

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/Do-It-Yourself/2006-06-01/Make-Colorful-Canvas-Carpets.aspx>



On the creative side

Find Your Passion and Get Paid

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Getting Paid For Your Passion

In today's economy, people are looking for more creative ways to make money. They are coming up ways to re invent themselves. They are turning their passions into businesses. Some people have taken their passion for skateboarding, drawing, or collecting to full fledged careers. Remember this; you can make a career out of anything you are passionate about. It may take a lot of research to find out if it is a money maker. How do you determine what your talents are? On a sheet of paper, brainstorm the things you do well, the things that come naturally to you. If you're having trouble listing your gifts on your own, consult people you trust and ask what they think your best skills are.

If you like to make jewelry for instance, there is a market for selling your wares. Sometimes it is easier to take your mind off your troubles by going into your creative place even if it is for an hour to two. Don't fear. We have plenty of ideas to get your creative juices flowing. So think about something that you would just love to do, even if you were not getting paid. Think about something that you look forward to doing, something that you wish you could do all the time. From time to time I will be giving you tips and techniques and websites that may help you.

There are website where you can sell your products. For instance www.etsy.com a site you can buy and sell your handmade items. If you are looking for inspirations this is a good website for inspiration. There are websites where you can sell things you no longer wanting like www.ebay.com or www.craigslist.com. On these sites you can buy and sell items. This is a good way to recycle some things and make some money in the process.

Once you've discovered your passion, where can you go for help in converting it into a feasible business concept?

Here are a few tips:

At your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC), there are business consultants who can give you objective feedback concerning the feasibility of your business idea and help you design a step-by-step plan to get your venture off the ground. SBDCs are sponsored by the SBA, so most of their services are free. To find the SBDC nearest you, go to www.sba.gov/sbdc.

Attend meetings sponsored by the local chapter of the trade associations related to your interests. You'll gain a greater understanding of an industry and, by meeting and talking with industry veterans, get a feel for whether your business concept has potential. Trade association meetings are also excellent places to find prospective mentors who can give you the emotional support and hands-on information you need to turn your passion into a profitable business.

Try selling your products at flea markets first, and then try some of the craft fairs in your local area.

It has gotten easier to set up a website. But it cost more to run a site and take orders. It can be done, if you are that passionate and determined to make a success of it. A site to look into is www.vistaprint.com. It is an inexpensive site and it very basic, great for beginners. They also offer other really good products.