# Sheet Metal forming, Repousse & Chasing



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Saleem Babu is a New Delhi based metal craftsman.

His foray in metal crafts started after his mum passed away when he was aged 11. Saleem's family went through tough financial times which forced him to drop out of school. He learnt '*naqqashi/chitai*' in the western world known as 'repousse' and 'chasing' from his late mum's maternal uncle Ustad Iftiyaar in Old Delhi.

After training for three years, in 1996 Saleem moved on to learn other metalwork techniques of forming, forging, and sinking from Ustad Ikraamuddin. It was during his tenure here that he worked in what is seen today as one of the most ambitious of projects, the <u>Golden Temple</u> in Amritsar. The project involved several teams of metal craftsmen from Moradabad, Varanasi, Amritsar and two from Delhi. IOnitially Saleem spent two years learning on site and in the third year took over supervising the fitting and site work for his Ustad. Their particular unit made all the metal pillars in temple's main sanctum as well as the ceiling of the space that precedes the walkway to the main sanctum.

Saleem worked with Ustad Ikraamuddin for four years before starting his own workshop in Seelampur in 2001. He started with making smaller products <u>like fruit bowls, dinner sets.</u> <u>pooja trays, ceilings for pooja rooms, banisters and he also makes more complex 3-</u> <u>dimensional models of cantonment areas with miniature military tanks and troops,</u> <u>fortresses etc for the Indian Army</u>. Since 2007 he has been working with several leading interior and product designers like **Viya Home** and **Klove** making complex <u>large-scale</u> <u>home decor products like furniture, luminaries and photo/mirror frames.</u>

With the downturn in economy, Saleem today is struggling to support his family of 6. His aspirations are to involve more karigars, to improve his working practices and become a leader in his community.

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## Frames



Frame1 Size – 8.50 x 11 inches Price – INR. 1000 Material – brass

#### Note:

Frame without mirror/glass and backing MDF. Available in high polish, wire brushed, acid washed, antique and verdigris finishes.



Frame2 Size – 8.50 x 11 inches Price – INR. 1000 Material – brass



Frame3 Size – 8 x 11 inches Price – INR. 1000 Material- brass





Name- Frame4 Size – 8.50 x 11 inches Price – INR. 1000

#### Note:

Frame without mirror/glass and backing MDF. Available in high polish, wire brushed, acid washed, antique and verdigris finishes



Name- Pineapple frame Size – 1 x 24 inches Price – INR. 3000





Name- Plate1 Size – 8 x 8 inches Price - INR 750

#### Note:

Available in high polish, wire brushed, acid washed, antique and verdigris finishes



Name- Plate2 Size – 13 x 13 inches Price - INR 2200



Name- Durga mata plaque Size – 8 x 8 inches Price - INR 7000 Material- copper

#### Note:

Available in high polish, wire brushed, acid washed, antique and verdigris finishes



Name- Bowl1 Size - 6.50 X 6 inches Price - INR 1500 Material- Brass

All Prices are for individual pieces. Bulk order prices will vary. Place an Order with Saleem Babu : +91-8076909496, +91-9582513190