## Workshop: "Weaving Work-Life Balance: A Family Tapestry"



## **Objective:**

Utilize creativity and manual work to explore and reflect on the importance of balancing work and family life.

### **Duration**:

2-3 hours

### **Materials:**

- Fabrics of various colors and textures
- Colored threads
- Sewing needles
- Scissors
- Embroidery hoops (optional)
- Paper and pencil
- Fabric glue
- Textile markers
- Templates of figures related to family and work (optional)

## **Workshop Structure:**

- 1. Introduction (15 minutes)
  - Welcome and Introduction: Present the facilitators and explain the purpose of the workshop.
  - Opening Activity: A brief introduction activity where each participant shares one word they associate with "family" and another with "work."







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- 2. Guided Reflection (30 minutes)
  - Group Discussion: Facilitate a discussion about the challenges and benefits of balancing work and family life. Ask participants (examples):
    - What are the main obstacles you face in balancing work and family life?
    - What practices have you found helpful in achieving a balance?
    - What support would you like to receive from your employers?
- 3. Creative Activity: Creating a Family Tapestry (1.5 hours)
  - Initial Instructions:
    - Each participant will create a fabric square representing an aspect of their family and work life.
    - Provide examples and show some basic sewing and fabric collage techniques.
  - Design and Creation:
    - Design Phase (15 minutes): Ask participants to draw a sketch of their design on paper. They should think about how colors, textures, and shapes can represent their ideas about balance.
    - Creating the Square (60 minutes): Using the available materials, participants cut, sew, and glue fabric pieces to create their squares. They can add words, phrases, or symbols that reflect their thoughts on balance.







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- Sharing and Reflecting (15 minutes): Each participant presents their square and explains their design and its meaning.
- 4. Assembling the Collective Tapestry (30 minutes)
  - Joining the Squares: Put all the individual squares together to form a large collective tapestry, symbolizing community and the diversity of experiences.
  - Final Reflection: Facilitate a reflection on the process and what participants have learned. Ask:
    - What have you discovered about your own experiences of balance?
    - How can the company better support these needs?

## 5. Closing (15 minutes)

- Conclusions: Summarize the key points discussed and the ideas generated during the workshop.
- Thanks and Farewell: Thank the participants for their participation and creativity.







