



A DAY IN THE LIFE

ANGELIKA HEINBACH, 56, GERMAN, OWNER OF MOSAICCOS



As an artist, Angelika specialises in mosaics and sculpture, but she also has 20 years' experience working for multinational companies, organising international events and marketing fairs. In 2009, she had the opportunity to combine both sets of skills and start her own business, MOSAICCOS. And last year, she was awarded the Diploma de Mestre a Artesà ana divulgatiu by the president of the Generalitat for her contribution to the trade. Find her shop at Assaonadors 10 in the Born.

6.30AM Rise and shine. Two or three times a week, I wake up early to exercise. I cycle along the beach or swim at the gym. When I arrive back home, I take a quick shower and usually have breakfast with my daughter.

9AM-1PM I spend an hour answering all my emails, then I'm on the shop floor, taking care of clients, working on orders and organising future projects. Every day I feel more and more motivated to create an authentic experience for visitors and locals alike who are as inspired by the work of Antonio Gaudí as I am. With this in mind, I offer a class in mosaic techniques, El Trencadis, in which participants can make their own mosaic souvenir of Barcelona.

1PM I go for a short walk around the block with my Labrador before lunch.

2-7PM The majority of my day depends on whether or not I have a team building workshop. These are art classes I offer to companies, in which their employees follow my lead and work together to create one large mosaic. These take place in their office, at a famous Gaudí site (Casa Batlló, Torre Bellesguard, Colònia Güell or the Gaudí Experiència) or around the city, at a hotel, restaurant, Poble Espanyol, the MEAM, etc. I also do workshops with schools. Recently more than 600 students from the Benjamin Franklin International School worked for 15 hours on a mosaic for the school's 30th anniversary. With my guidance they created a massive piece of artwork containing important symbols of Barcelona such as the Sagrada Família and Gaudí's salamander.

If I'm in my shop during these hours I keep an eye on customers coming and going while I design the artwork for company logos and finish up smaller mosaic projects such as mirrors, tables and picture frames.

7PM I close up the shop and head home to prepare dinner. After we eat, my daughter and I like to watch German news on ARD, take the dog for a walk and talk about our day. Other nights we go out for tapas in the Born, but no matter where we eat, this is our time to catch up and do some mother-daughter bonding.

11PM I read before going to sleep.

