ISFPs love all living life

In general, ISFPs are gentle and compassionate, open and flexible. They are considerate of others and do not force their views and opinions on them. They often focus on meeting others' needs, especially those who are less fortunate. Having a quiet, modest, self-effacing style, ISFPs avoid disagreements and seek harmony with people as well as with nature. They enjoy life's precious moments and often add a touch of beauty to the environments where they spend their time. They are at their best ensuring others' well-being.

- ISFPs are gentle, caring, and sensitive people, who keep much of their intensely personal ideals and values to themselves
- They are nonjudgmental and accepting of others behavior; they do not seek to find underlying motives or meanings
- ISFPs live completely in the present moment, they do not tend to prepare or plan more than is necessary

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Work Related Strengths:

- Prefer hands-on participation, especially helping professions
- Welcome change and adapt well to new situations
- Work hard when they believe their work is important
- Loyal members of organizations and take orders from supervisors well
- Thrive in supportive and affirming climates

Work Related Weaknesses:

- May accept others' behavior without seeking underlying meanings or motives
- May not see opportunities unless they exist at the present
- Tend to take criticism and negative feedback personally
- Don't like to prepare in advance and have trouble organizing their time
- Feel restricted by excessive rules and bureaucracy

CAREER

Popular Occupations for ISFPs

In listing occupations that are popular among ISFPs, it is important to note that there are successful people of all types in all occupations. However, the following are careers ISFPs may find particularly satisfying and some of the reasons why. This is by no means a comprehensive listing but is included to suggest possibilities you may not have previously considered. Although all of these occupations offer the potential for career satisfaction, the future demand for some careers is anticipated to be greater than for others.

Crafts/Artisan

Fashion designer Carpenter
Jeweler Gardener
Tapestry worker Potter
Painter Dancer
Designer: interior/landscape Chef

Artist Cartoonist and animator

Sketch artist Tailor

Musical instrument maker

The chief appeal of these careers for ISFPs is the opportunity to work with their hands in the creation of something attractive and, oftentimes, useful. They enjoy using their five senses in a practical way as well as working with real things in the real world. Many of these careers offer ISFPs the chance to work flexible hours and the freedom to schedule their own work. Most ISFPs prefer to be autonomous, without having to conform to administrative guidelines.

Health Care

Visiting nursePhysical therapistMassage therapistRadiology technologistMedical assistantDental assistant/hygienist

Veterinary assistant Home health aide
Primary care physician Dietitian/nutritionist
Optician/optometrist Exercise physiologist

Occupational therapist Art therapist

Respiratory therapist Licensed practical nurse (LPN)

Surgical technologist Personal fitness trainer

Surgeon Veterinarian
Speech-language pathologist Pharmacist
Emergency room physician Pediatrician
Cardiology technologist Audiometrist
Pharmaceutical researcher Registered Nurse

Physician's assistant Hospice worker/director Substance abuse counselor Pheresis technician

Recreational therapist

ISFPs often find satisfaction in health care careers, especially those where they are able to work directly with clients and patients. They enjoy the hands-on element of many of the therapy occupations, helping others either physically or emotionally, during or after a crisis. They are generally very observant and able to respond well to subtle changes and like short-term problem solving. An essential ingredient in satisfaction within these careers and any other career for ISFPs is to be able to see and experience feedback for their contributions and to believe in the importance of the work they are doing.

Science/Technical

Surveyor Computer operator

Forester Botanist Geologist Mechanic