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Workshops



The workshop I attended was yesterday, in Bromyard, near Hereford. I was going to make paper shoes! I saw the work of Pippa Meddings a couple of years ago in an exhibition. She had made the most fabulous shoes from paper and I inquired about workshops. Well, Pippa has moved into a new studio in the town recently and has got her workshops off the ground. Any thoughts that this would be easy were quickly dispelled. As a professionally qualified shoe designer, despite the fact that the paper shoes are a sideline, Pippa still makes them in the right way. We used proper wooden shoe lasts and cut templates and patterns and measured everything accurately. Pippa had maps and vintage papers on hand to use as well as fabrics. You can see from my insole (above) that I picked on a piece of sheet music that appealed to me and embellished it accordingly.



Similarly, when I made my straps I chose music that had words that fitted with my walking shoe theme. Slow, steady and cheerfully just about sum me up! The pattern design and cutting took all morning so I did not finish yesterday. I have sat outside enjoying today's sunshine embroidering french knots onto my straps and whip stitching the edges before constructing my sandal. It's not easy to see from my photo but it also has a small platform between the cardboard sole and the fabric covered insole.



I really enjoyed myself yesterday and today. It was a fabulous workshop that was well prepared and thorough. Pippa provided all the materials and even had a ginger cake for us in the afternoon! I think I have another obsession.....

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Following the urge to find out about anything that grabs my interest and

explore new creative ideas

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