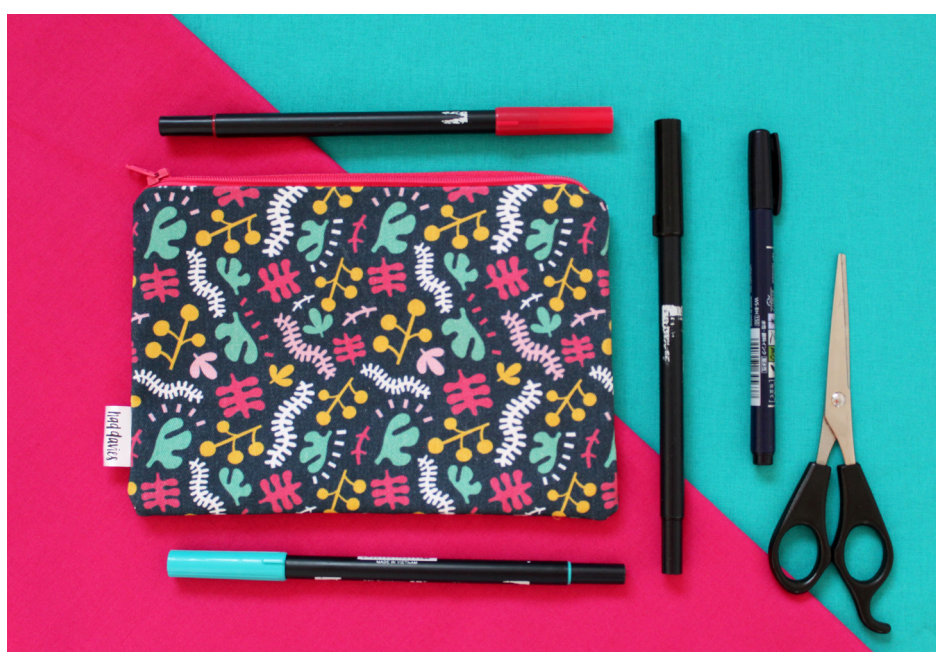




GETTING CREATIVE



Shrewsbury artist **Hannah Day** is in charge of this wonderful new section of **My Shrewsbury!** She'll be rooting out all kinds of local creatives, sharing their work and inspiring others to give it a go...



Everyone should feel they can create and have something worth sharing with the world.

If only it were that easy. I can tell you it's a mix, part drive part slog. Every edition, I'll be giving you a few tips - plus introducing you to Shrewsbury's top creatives!

● **Start** as Nike says, just do it! Even if you think it is awful at first. If you don't start nothing else can come.

● **Make space** any space, even if it's a shoebox with your media ordered and ready to go. My turning point was setting up a small table in the corner of a room. Once I had made space, I found I could more easily make time.

● **Share** - social media is a great way to connect with others and put your work out there to a supportive group. Forget trolls, all I get is positive feedback. It's on social media that I first found many of the amazing creatives of our great town. Look them up, follow and engage.



HANNAH LOVES... Had Davies



My first local creative is **Had Davies**. Based just south of the town she has been selling her work for a couple of years going fulltime self-employed this year.

She designs her own patterns, which she then turns into a range of products from tea towels to hair accessories, even dungarees.

If you're a fan of Luck and Yak then get onto her site right away, her pieces are for you. Setting up on Etsy in May 2019, Had

starting out with a range of lino prints, paper cut collages and badges galore.

Check out her Angus and Edith prints, the only products still available from her early collections, and still as charming as ever.

Now her work can be seen via her own website haddavies.co.uk where you will be greeted with a range that is increasingly refined and considered.

Custom orders and one offs are also available for those who like unique as well as local. If you see something on her site that would be a perfect gift, give our local small business a helping hand and order now - get ahead of the festive rush!

● Hannah lives and works in Shrewsbury and can be found on Instagram, Facebook, Etsy and Not on the High Street. Just search for Hannah Day UK.

● Had Davies can be found on Instagram @haddavies and via her website haddavies.co.uk