# **Crafty Annie**

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Over the last 2 years we have had approx. 365 people either receive an activity pack or take part in one of our workshops.

### **Our Motivation**

I have always loved arts and craft and learnt a lot of low cost ways to make things from my Mother. Craftyannie aims to bring affordable arts and crafts to people who are creative but cant afford expensive classes and equipment.

**BIGGEST CHALLENGE** - Finding partners to work with and help with promotion. At first I attended a lot of community networking groups and did a few demos but it was slow. Lockdown was our lucky break as they were looking for someone to provide activity packs and they remembered us. All that networking was worth it.

## **Our Clients**

- Our workshops can run from providing school holiday activities, POP Group, running workshops for employability projects, activities for the over 50's or providing kids activities at Hailsham Festival.
- A couple of favourite quotes 'hang on, is this science?' when making lava lamps at a Family Café session, and 'Its amazing what you can do with scraps of material, sharpies and an old picture frame'

### Message to the public

You can be creative even if you aren't arty or can't draw. Just go for it.

Craftyannie Love, Laugh, Share, Remember.

What we do



Low tech fun, making Jubilee crowns out of paper plates.

Creating art from fabric scraps and sharpies.

Creating your world and characters using tracing paper and pictures from magazines.

We also make hanging baskets from plastic drinks bottles, light displays from catering size coffee tins. The list is endless.

## Achievements



This is how it all started, I learnt about upcycling from my Mum. This is her wallpaper design when she couldn't afford to redecorate she whitewashed over the existing paper then used old sponges and tester pots to design her own. A great teacher. The early days of Craftyannie, finger painting fun.





POP Group Going natural, using plants to dye fabric.

Smashing art, a great stress reliever. Preserving what we grow to make body scrubs, room fresheners and more.





Providing 700 low cost, technology free activity packs for families with reduced access to technology during 2 lockdowns.

This was all done with one laptop, one printer, a lot of old magazines and tracing paper, and a very patient husband.