



Crafts Outside the Home

If you haven't got all the craft supplies at home to be able to make a personalised gift, you can always attend a local art event or studio. Here are some examples of ones in my area.

Pottery Studios:

My local pottery studio is [Florence & Milly](#) in Clane and a few years ago, I used to go quite regularly to meet my friends but to also make presents for my family. I have always booked, as it can be busy with children's parties, but you can still find a quiet table to sit at. There are lots of different items to paint that you can choose from, which started at the time from around €6. Here are some examples:



Everything was provided at the studio and you could spend as long as you wished to paint as many items as you liked. It took approximately 1-2 weeks for works of art to be put in the kiln after which a text was received to let you know that your potteries are ready for collection. This may have changed since I went so please check the website yourself.

Pottery Classes:



The [Florence & Milly](#) studio has also ran workshops for clay modelling and throwing pottery using a wheel. It does help to think of an idea and have some printed pictures with you so that you are not put on the spot to come up with something create. Here is my plaque made from clay with a before (on the left) and after (on the right) picture to give you an idea of the colours.



Painting Workshops:



A while back, I also attended a 2hr Sip & Paint workshop run by local artist, Sharon Fidgeon in the [Moate Theatre](#), Naas. This was a very relaxing evening where all the paints, canvases and wine were provided! Sharon helped the small group to paint one of the pictures that she has brought along for ideas. It's good fun!

Have a look around your own area to see what is on offer!!!!