



Arona Khan demonstrates her creative Christmas wrapping

Wrapping it up

For the final Sussex Creation photographer Philip Traill meets gift wrapping expert Arona Khan in her Hove studio. Words by Harry Maddock

While some of us may embarrassingly struggle to wrap a box-shaped item this Christmas, Hove-based Arona Khan is internationally renowned for her gift wrapping skills, which she says all began at the age of three.

And it's been quite the rise for Arona: "My work has taken me around the world, to Japan, the United States, India and to Paperworld in Germany, the world's largest trade show for paper and stationery."

Closer to home she was invited to 10 Downing Street to train the Prime Minister's staff. And that's not to mention her scores of radio interviews and television appearances.

As well as producing her own DVD with top gift wrapping tips, Arona runs courses in her Hove studio with those taking part

learning to wrap – from boxes to the more awkward of shapes – as well as ways you can use excess cuts to prevent any waste.

Also on offer are hamper and gift basket courses which cover the uses of shrink wrap and cellophane, creating handmade bows and avoiding any potential issues when using a heat gun!

Arona recently added another string to her creative bow, with her bespoke decluttering service.

From styling shelves and reorganising cupboards to recycling and upcycling Arona uses these techniques to give: "rooms a new lease of life, be it as a meditation space, a craft room, an office or a man cave."

It's clear Arona is a jack of all trades, but perhaps a master of them all too. ♦ Find out more at www.aronakhan.com

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