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### *Meet the Artisan - Anne Swoboda*

*Anne is a bespoke shoemaker who lives in the South of France. Anne has been handmaking shoes for 20 years, training under master artisan Maurice Arnoult whilst living in Paris. She also worked as a shoe designer for several high-end French Fashion houses and travelled extensively to discover and study design and shoe manufacturing. This training allowed Anne to set up her own atelier and start to handcraft shoes.*

*Her first client was a challenge, her father. Anne's father was an elegant man who always wore slip on shoes but complained they always slipped off his feet, which impacted the way he walked. Anne set out to develop a slipper with a closed heel, that was stylish and fashionable, and she gifted the shoes to her father for Christmas. Her father was very happy and wore the shoes every single day, inside and outside.*

*So a journey had begun, and Anne started to make more of the "Babouches".*

*Anne's Babouches give a sense of elegance and style yet retain a relaxed and chic feeling reminiscent of the Provence lifestyle. Handcrafted with high quality materials, every Babouche is made to order to meet the client's discerning taste.*

*"Wearing a pair of Babouches is beloved for the suppleness, endurance and the feeling of being barefoot"  
says Anne...*