What do you think you'll be doing when you're 84? Jean Robson starts online gift business

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At 84 years old, Slough great-grandmother, Jean Robson, far from being an internet novice, has just launched her own online business, Handmaid, selling hand painted, personalised gifts. Jean managed the craft market at Covent Garden's Jubilee Market for 30 years and still sells her products there now – and now she's also selling her products to customers online. Jean's gifts are for all occasions, and now she is concentrating on getting ready for the imminent Christmas period.

Jean hand makes the beautiful gifts herself for new babies, christenings, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas and other occasions. Her most popular ranges are baby's cot quilts, pot-pourri pads, cushions, make-up bags and greetings cards, all of which she hand paints with motifs, names, dates and occasion details and trims with coloured ribbons and lace.

"I've been selling my hand made gifts in London and at craft markets round the country for over forty years," says Jean. "But now that I'm retired I wanted to carry on with my business while I'm working from my home in Slough. The technology doesn't frighten me, I've been using a computer for quite a few years now, but this is the first time I've sold my products online – I've already had some orders placed online and the website's only just gone live!"

Jean's website is at www.jeanrobson.co.uk (http://www.jeanrobson.co.uk) and customers can buy online using all major credit cards or Paypal. The first customers will also receive a leather-bound mini jotter book.

Photography:

High resolution JPEG photos of Jean Robson and her products can be downloaded from this address: www.jeanrobson.co.uk/news-about-jean-robson.asp (http://www.jeanrobson.co.uk/news-about-jean-robson.asp)

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