\rightarrow Madrid's artisans, old and new

A map of old Madrid can be traced by the trades after which many of its streets are named: Latoneros (tinsmiths). Cuchilleros (cutlers), Curtidores (tanners), and Bordadores (embroiderers). However, craftsmanship is not just a thing of the past. The last decade has seen a new generation of makers reclaiming the value of hand-made items, as tailors, basket makers and potters open studios in the capital that are inspired by the latest trends in fashion. We scoured the streets of Lavapiés, the Barrio de Las Letras (Literary Quarter), Chueca, Las Salesas, Malasaña, Conde Duque, La Latina, and Hapsburg Madrid in search of new workshops and old businesses whose doors have been open for more than a century. It's worth noting that the capital is also home to artisans with studios hidden from view or who don't have a physical store but whose creations can be found in other specialist shops around the city.

*An establishment that has been open for over 100 years.

<u>LAVAPIÉS</u>

\rightarrow Arte hoy

Calle de la Cabeza, 26 TEL: 915 391 916 METRO: Antón Martír WEB: arte-hoy.com

This potter's studio knows that we can use art to express our feelings and our concerns. In addition to carrying out great research in the field of ceramics, they also run courses on wheel throwing and raku pottery. Find the most original of creations at this studio-store, including umbrella holders, lamps and necklaces.

Calle del Olviar, 44 METRO: Lavapiés

Clarina not only creates her ceramic items by hand, she also makes her very own varnishes. She likes to think of each of her pieces as a small celebration of the dailiness and domesticity of life. She also offers wheel throwing and clay modelling classes.

→ Daniel Chong

Calle de la Cabeza, 26 TEL: 915 391 916 METRO: Antón Martín WEB: arte-hoy.com

Daniel Chong's colourful backpacks are made from recycled cotton upholstery and vegetable-tanned leather. Although his main studio is located in the heart of Lavapiés – where he finds many of the fabrics he works with - this artisan has two other stores in the capital: one at number 5, Calle Imperial, a stone's throw away from Plaza Mayor, and another in the Barrio de las Letras, at 17, Calle Moratín.

→ Déborah Abizanda

Calle del Doctor Fourquet. 35 TEL: 652 936 237 METRO: Estación del Arte WEB: deborah-abizanda.es

Taking inspiration from Art Nouveau, Nordic design and Japanese art, Déborah Abizanda creates functional ceramic pieces, including dinnerware, vases and earrings. In her studio you'll also find visual art pieces made from paper, wool and cotton and, from time to time, works by other artists.



Calle de Santa Isabel, 50 TEL: 914 674 975 METRO: Estación del Arte

Selling hand-painted silk fans, scarves and ties in figurative and abstract patterns, this studio-store located next to the Reina Sofía Museum is all about colour. They also stock an interesting selection of accessories made from a range of other materials.

→ Dsnú

Calle del Doctor Fourquet, 11 TEL: 912 503 000 METRO: Estación del Arte WEB: dsnudesign.com

At the helm of Dsnú, a jewellery workshop with a focus on artisan techniques and environmentally friendly processes, are architect and jeweller Ana Martínez and visual artist and ceramicist David de Felipe. The pure geometric forms of their designs contrast greatly with the organic nature of their materials.

→ Ollomao

Calle de la Fe, 18 TEL: 639 706 435 METRO: Lavapiés

In Galician, the word ollomao is a type of seashell yet it is here in the district of Lavapiés, far from the sea, where this leather workshop makes bags, rucksacks and wallets.

→ Yolanda Andrés

Calle de la Encomienda, 15 TEL: 910 260 742 WEB: yolandaandres.com

Yolanda Andrés, who has worked for brands like Hermès and Carolina Herrera, says she paints with threads. Her embroidery workshop on Calle de la Encomienda is both a space for her creations and a place where she hosts showrooms, pop-ups, and classes. Her bags, cushions, kits and her so-called "display frames" (embroidered pictures of hens, artichokes and bookshelves) are some of her star pieces.

→ Studio Squina

Calle del Amparo, 94 TEL: 654 504 048 | 655 317 265 METRO: Embaiadores WEB: studiosquina.com

Sandra Pampín and Gimena Caram are the founders of this jewellery school that offers courses at all levels. Their space, located on Calle del Amparo near La Casa Encendida, also hosts exhibitions and has a small shop.

BARRIO DE LAS LETRAS

→ Andrés Gallardo

Calle de San Pedro, 8 TEL: 910 535 352 METRO: Estación del Arte WEB: andresgallardo.com

The crafters at this studio-store in the Barrio de las Letras started out by making necklaces and bracelets from fragments of broken porcelain, in the style of a 3D collage. Today they create their own items, which are easily recognizable thanks to their use of naïve, enigmatic images of rabbits, hands, suns, moons, greyhounds, flowers and more.

→ Entío

METRO: Chueca

WEB: entio.es

→ Oteyza

TEL: 914 488 623

WEB: deoteyza.com

Calle del Conde de Xiquena, 11

stock prêt-à-porter collections.

→ Taller de Carmen Muñoz

Calle de Justiniano, 8

→ Antigua Casa Crespo*

TEL: 915 215 654

Calle del Divino Pastor, 29

WEB: antiguacasacrespo.com

across the entire country.

→ Cabeza de Calabaza

Calle de la Madera, 39 TEL: 672 607 755

WEB: cabezadecalabaza.com

Plaza Guardia de Corps, 1

are given a second life.

TEL: 607 593 614

METRO: Noviciado

WEB: feeas.es

METRO: Tribunal

→ Feeas

TEL: 913 195 785 METRO: Alonso Martínez

WEB: carmenmunoz.es

Calle de San Gregorio, 21 TEL: 916 655 445

Founded by the Entío siblings, part of a family

boasting a long tradition in the jewellery trade, this

studio is dedicated to restoring, adapting and cre-

ating unique pieces of jewellery and has great ex-

pertise in gemstones. Here they believe that luxury

reason, their prices are very reasonable.

should be a privilege enjoyed by many and, for this

The designs of this traditional tailor's shop have

been spotted on the catwalks of Madrid and Paris.

Their elegant capes, male skirts, Cordoba-inspired

hats, and fitted waistcoats are made at the stunning

studio in the Las Salesas neighbourhood. They also

Carmen Muñoz is an expert at painting porcelain

by hand. At her workshop she runs courses and has

taught many ceramicists over the years. In the same

space, she also sells her creations, among which

you'll find both functional and decorative pieces.

The Antigua Casa Crespo has been making espa-

drilles since 1863. Visiting this store in many ways

is like stepping back in time for they have many

designs that we have been enjoying since time im-

memorial. They do, however, also sell other models

inspired by more contemporary trends that emerge

from the neighbourhood of Malasaña and spread

This studio crafts and sells bespoke hats made in

Madrid. Over the last decade, their creations have

appeared in numerous TV series and theatre plays.

Their motto is "made to be disliked", which is why

their astonishing rings, broaches and necklaces

never fail to turn heads. All pieces created by Feeas

(Remedios Vincent) are unique and are made at the

Conde Duque workshop using found objects which



→ Franjul

Calle de Lope de Vega, 11 TEL: 914 295 698 METRO: Antón Martín WEB: franiul.es

What makes this family-run women's shoe shop founded in 1947 unique is that its products are hand-made and personalised. The store backroom hosts a team of artisans who make patterns and sew, cut and assemble unique items that have walked the catwalks of Madrid, Barcelona, Milan and New York, thanks to collaborations with designers including Lorenzo Caprile, Hannibal Laguna and Cristina Pascual, among others.

→ Santacana*

Calle de las Huertas, 1 TEL: 917 049 670 METRO: Antón Martín WEB: santacana.es

Back in 1896 this century-old store opened its first workshop in the Barrio de las Letras under the name Guantes Zurro. To this day they still manufacture gloves - among other accessories - using artisan techniques. Sustainability, local expertise and respect for the materials of leather, wool and cashmere, are just some of the hallmarks of this business.

CHUECA-LAS SALESAS

→ Ángel Peña Bags

Calle de San Mateo, 12 TEL: 912 969 446 METRO: Tribunal WEB: angelpenabags.com

Ángel Peña has worked in Germany, Switzerland and Italy, where he learnt the art of leather tanning exactly how it was once done in the 19th century. His pieces are unique and have their own serial numbers, and he also takes orders for bespoke items. His pieces are instantly recognisable thanks to their bright colours – the result of completely eco-friendly dyes – and their retro designs.

→ Circo Jewellery

Calle de Regueros, 1 TEL: 913 915 007 WEB: circojewellery.com

Almudena Gil makes jewellery using lost wax casting with objects she finds in antique shops and flea markets. Her rings, broaches and belts evoke a sense of enigma, as though they were reflections of another time that have come back to life.

→ Javier S. Medina

Calle del Escorial, 28 TEL: 666 009 240 METRO: Noviciado WEB: javiersmedina.com

This artisan and restorer hailing from Extremadura crafts mirrors and faux animal heads, which he himself refers to as "animal-friendly trophies". He is completely self-taught and all his work is handmade. He always uses natural materials, including bamboo, wicker, rattan, and thread.



→ Lady Cacahuete

Corredera Baja de San Pablo, 26 TEL: 915 327 794 METRO: Tribunal WEB: ladycacahuete.com

Ribera de Curtidores, 16 y 37

Lady Cacahuete make dresses for contemporary females using technicolour film, adverts and 50-style fashion as their inspiration. The patterns are made at their studio-store, where you'll always find new items for sale.

LA LATINA

MALASAÑA-CONDE DUQUE → Casa El Valenciano*

TEL: 914 675 346 METRO: Puerta de Toledo WEB: tiendahipicaelvalenciano.com

> The oldest tannery specialising in equestrian leathercraft in Spain, founded in 1897, is situated on Ribera de Curtidores in the area of El Rastro flea market. Here you'll find essential equestrian accessories, such as spurs, bridles, bits, and riding crops, in addition to leather saddles, boots and bags.

→ Cerería Ortega*

TEL: 913 656 019 METRO: La Latina WEB: cereriaortega.es

Using the very same machinery that was used 100 years ago, this candlemaker's founded in 1893 is the only one left in the capital that makes its own handcrafted candles following artisan techniques. Although they now sell candles of all types, in the past their most loyal customers were church-goers, which explains why the business is located only a few steps away from the San Isidro Collegiate Church.

→ Espartería Juan Sánchez

Calle del Mediodía Grande, 3 TEL: 913 664 837 METRO: La Latina WEB: esparteria.com

At the helm of this business is the third generation of a family of artisans who, in addition to restoring chairs and fitting blinds, uses esparto grass to craft caracoleras, or baskets for snail pickers, in addition to fireplace fans, saddlebags and bottle holders. They also sell wineskins and canes.

→ Helena Rohner

Calle del Almendro. 4 TEL: 913 657 906 METRO: La Latina WEB: helenarohner.com

Awarded the Golden Medal for Achievement in Fine Arts. Helena Rohner designs jewellery that evokes the scenery of the Canary Islands, where she was born. Her pieces open up a conversation between the noble materials of silver and gold, and the warmth of porcelain and wood.

SOL-GRAN VÍA-MADRID DE LOS AUSTRIAS

→ Capas Seseña*

Calle de la Cruz, 23 TEL: 915 316 840 METRO: Sol WEB: sesena.com

Since being founded in 1901, the only store in the world that specialises in capes made in Spain has seen its celebrated garment draped over the shoulders of the likes of Pablo Picasso, Federico Fellini, Michael Jackson, Pierce Brosnan, and Marcelo Mastroiani. What's more, Camilo José Cela collected his Nobel Prize in Literature wearing a cape made at this very workshop. The past few years have seen the brand introduce new designs in silk for women.



→ Casa de Diego*

Puerta del Sol, 12 TEL: 915 226 643 WEB: casadediego.info/es

Two centuries have passed since Casa Diego was founded in 1823 but their goods are still top-notch. Their star products are their fans, which they restore and make from palo santo, ebony, bone and mother-of-pearl using traditional techniques. They also sell umbrellas as well as a range of traditional accessories, including manila shawls, mantillas, veils, ornamental hair combs, and castanets.



→ Casa Hernanz*

Calle de Toledo, 18

this historical store on Calle de Toledo to buy them

→ Felipe Conde*

→ José Ramírez*

Calle de la Paz, 8

WEB: guitarrasramirez.com

TEL: 915 314 229

Calle de Arrieta, 4 TEL: 915 418 738 METRO: Ópera WEB: condehermanos.com

Tomatito, Al di Meola, Lenny Kravitz, and Bob Dylan are just some of the great musicians to have visited Felipe Conde's workshop in search of a guitar. In its one hundred years of history, though, it is the great Paco de Lucía who left the biggest mark on this flamenco luthier when he collaborated in the construction of the legendary "la negra" guitar made with palo santo wood.

José Ramírez was the first member of the prestigious

dynasty of Madrid-born luthiers which have been

around since the late 19th century. His descend-

ants include the likes of the late Manuel Ramírez,

regarded as the Spanish Stradivarius. In 1912, a

young Andrés Segovia visited the workshop before

his legendary concert at the Ateneo in Madrid. The

artisans were so moved by his virtuosity that they

decided to gift him the very instrument that today is

displayed in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Calle de Espoz y Mina, 3 TEL: 915 223 287

Walking into this century-old store is like travelling back in time to the mid-50s. What first catches our eye is its logo, a work of art in itself. Depicting two dogs fighting over a glove, it was designed by Enrique Herreros, the director of the famous magazine La Codorniz.

→ Sombrerería Medrano*

Calle Imperial, 12 TEL: 913 664 234 WEB: sombrereriamedrano.com

Not only is Medrano the oldest, currently active hat maker in Spain, it is also a workshop that takes all types of orders, particularly for theatre, cinema and television productions. For this reason, in addition to their wonderful selection of hats, they also offer repair and alteration services, plus specific items for historical reenactments.

→ Taller Puntera

Plaza del Conde de Barajas, 4 TEL: 913 642 926 WEB: puntera.com

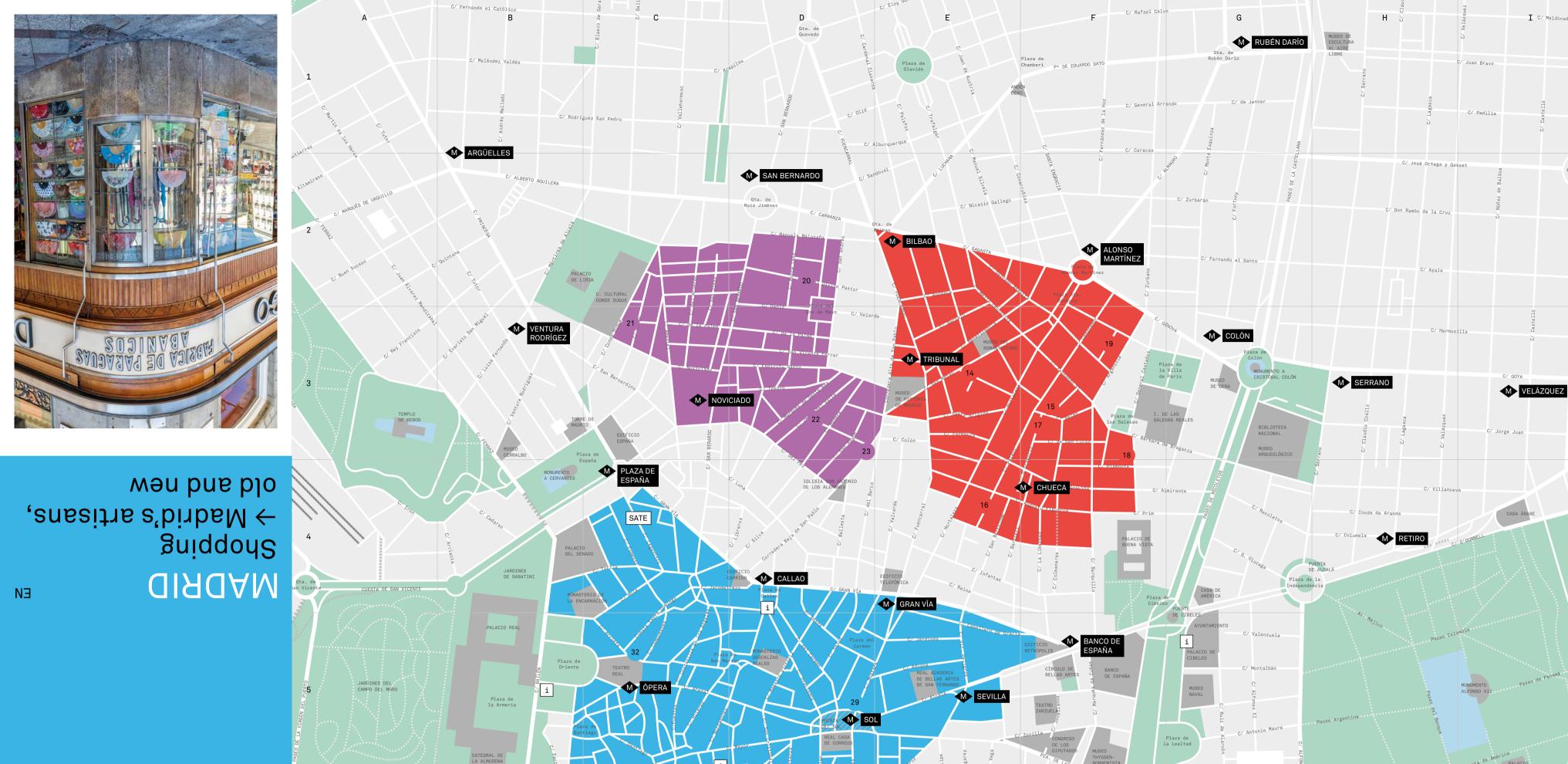
The second you step through the doors of this workshop you'll be blown away by the art that is leather crafting. The products here are made right before customers using artisan production methods. For the most curious they even offer beginner's courses.

TEL: 913 665 450 METRO: La Latina WEB: casahernanz.es

crafts and sells esparto accessories, some of which have even been used as props for Hollywood motion pictures, including Gladiator. Nowadays, their espadrilles – traditionally worn by workers to protect their feet – are their star product. This classic form of footwear was made fashionable by Yves Saint Laurent, and clients from all over the world now flock to

This rope manufacturer founded in the year 1845

→ Guantes Luque*



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