

LOVING EARTH PROJECT : Caring for the world we love

The Loving Earth Project aims to help people engage with climate and ecological breakdown without being overwhelmed.

Climate break-down and species extinctions are happening all over the world. We hope this project will inspire people to make connections and change our habits, to live more sustainably for the sake of love.

A traveling and online exhibition is helping to illustrate what we love, and actions people are taking to encourage and inspire others. We invite you to make one or more panels to join the growing exhibition.

More information about the project is at <https://lovingearth-project.uk>

To join the mailing list, email lovingearthproject@woodbrooke.org.uk

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MAKING A TEXTILE PANEL

Consider these questions:

- **Is there something, someone or somewhere that you know and love which is endangered by environmental break-down?**
This could be a place, a person, a species, etc.
- **How does your lifestyle contribute to that threat?**
You may need to do some research to find out more about this. There are some suggestions at <http://lovingearth-project.uk/getting-started/>
- **What could you do, or are you doing, to help reduce that threat?**
What steps have you already taken? What is the most radical thing you could do, whether by yourself or with others? What's the tiniest thing you could do?

Getting Started

You might like to jot down your response to these questions; you can add to them later.

Now decide on an image that would illustrate part of your response. It could be an image of what you love, or an action you will take or have already taken. Play with some ideas and sketch out a rough design on paper. You can make about the right size square from a sheet of A3 paper.

Making

To make it up as a textile square you will need square of woven cloth between 36 and 40. Mark the 30x30 cm square in the middle - the rest is a border to finish off at the end. Use whatever materials you have to hand, and allow these to inspire your design. Any style or technique and textile materials is fine, as long as it's robust and flexible enough to be folded (for posting), and to be handled for displays. You could make a picture in appliqué (fabric glue or Wondaweb are useful to hold pieces in place but you'll want a little stitching too). Or you could embroider, dye, use acrylics to paint or print or attach knitted or crocheted items. The internet has lots of 'how to' videos; it's good try out new techniques on a scrap of fabric first. Some examples at <https://lovingearth-project.uk/gallery/> but your panel will be unique. Take your time to have fun and to reflect on the environmental issues, and to find out more about what we can do them.

Finishing and writing

When you have finished, if you can fold the edges back and stitch them in place that would be lovely. If you can add a lining behind, for protection, better still. But don't worry if it's a problem.

Please write a few words about what it represents and what you personally are going to do or have already done. This is important so your example can inspire others. Panels will be displayed anonymously, so nobody else will know what you have said unless you tell them, but do take action; that's what really matters.

What to do with your panel :

Due to COVID-19, until further notice, please don't send your panel in but email us a photo of it, together with your text, name and contact details. We will get in touch when the time is right to send panels in, to: *Loving Earth Project, % FWCC, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.*

Once you send it to us your panel will not normally be returned to you, but you may see it on our website gallery or at a future exhibition. In sending us what you have made, you are agreeing that the LovingEarthProject will have copyright (jointly with you as the maker).

To arrange a display or if you have queries, please get in touch at lovingearthproject@gmail.com.