

# LOVING EARTH PROJECT : Caring for the world we love

## MAKING A TEXTILE PANEL

**The Loving Earth Project aims to help people engage with environmental breakdown without being overwhelmed.**

Climate break-down and species extinctions are happening all over the world. We hope this community textile project will inspire people to take action on sustainability, for the sake of love.

A travelling exhibition is helping to illustrate what people are doing to help care for what we love. about We invite you to make one or more textile panels to join this growing collection.

### Getting Started:

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 will climate change and environmental breakdown affect them?**  
*It may already be doing so, but you may need to do some research to find out more.*
- **What action is needed to reduce the risk of harm?**  
*This could be actions by you and/or by a range of others.*
- **What could you do to help bring this about? What steps have you already taken? What is the most radical thing you could do? What's the tiniest thing you could do?**

You might like to jot down some thoughts on paper. You can add to them later.

Now decide on an image that would illustrate your response. For example, it could be an image of what you love, or about something you will do. Sketch out a rough design on paper and play with some ideas. You can make about the right size square from a sheet of A3 paper.

### Making

Make it up in the form of a textile square. The finished size should be 30x30 cm. Any style or technique and textile materials is fine, but it should be robust and flexible enough to be folded (for posting), and to be hung up for display. Repurposed materials or offcuts are ideal. A square of woven cloth between 36 and 40cm in size will usually be a good base to work on. You could make a picture in appliqué , or you could do embroidery, or attach knitted or crocheted items. Paint, dye or fabric pens are also options. Use what you have, and perhaps try out new techniques on a scrap of fabric first. You can see examples at <https://lovingearth-project.uk/gallery/> but your panel will be unique. Take your time to enjoy playing, and also to reflect on the environmental issues, and maybe find out more about them.

### Finishing

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.

Before you send your square to join the travelling exhibition, please write a few words about what it represents. This should include what you personally are doing about the issue and why. You are welcome to include links to relevant websites. Panels will normally be displayed anonymously.

### Send your panel and writing to :

Please email a photo of your panel and accompanying text to us at [lovingearthproject@gmail.com](mailto:lovingearthproject@gmail.com). We will then let you know the address to post the panel to. (This will depend on the evolving COVID situation.) Your panel will not normally be returned to you, but you may see it appear on our website gallery, or at a display. In sending us your panel you are agreeing to this, and that the LovingEarth Project will have copyright (jointly with you as the maker).

Please consider sharing a photo of your panel with comment on social media, tagging us in.

You are welcome to arrange a display locally. Please get in touch with us well in advance if you'd like to do this .

More information about the project is at [lovingearth-project.uk](https://lovingearth-project.uk)  
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