

LOVING EARTH PROJECT : Caring for the world we love

MAKING A TEXTILE PANEL

The Loving Earth Project helps people engage with environmental breakdown

Climate break-down and species extinctions are happening all over the world. This community textile project is inspiring people to take action to help for the sake of love, and without being overwhelmed.

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

Getting Started: inspiration

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?** *What steps have you already taken? What is the most radical thing you could do? What's the tiniest thing you could do?*

Now decide on an image that would illustrate your response. It could be an image of what you love, or about what you are doing to help. You may like to 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 up your design in the form of a textile square. The finished size should be 30x30 cm. Any style or technique and textile materials is fine, and indeed these may be the inspiration for your design. It needs to 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 around 40x 40 cm 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.

When you have finished, if you can fold the edges back and stitch them in place and/or add a backing for protection, better still. But don't worry if it's a problem.

Please write a few words about what inspired your panel and what you personally are doing about the issue and why. You may want to think about the issues and do some research while you make the panel You are welcome to include links to relevant websites.

Sharing what you have made. Please email a good quality photo of your panel and accompanying text to us at lovingearthproject@gmail.com.

We are no longer inviting all panels to join the travelling collection but they will be displayed in our online gallery and can be displayed in local exhibitions . In sending us your panel and text you give permission for this, and that copyright will be held jointly by the maker and he Quaker Arts Network's Loving Earth Project. Panels are normally displayed anonymously. A few panels may be invited to join the travelling collection if the complement the collection in particular ways.

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

More information and resources for workshops and panel-makers are at

lovingearth-project.uk

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