



# LOVING EARTH PROJECT

## *Caring for the world we love*



### The Loving Earth Project helps people engage with environmental breakdown

This community textile project is inspiring people to take action to help for the sake of love, and without being overwhelmed. Our exhibitions and books are illustrating what different people are doing and why.

Over 400 textile panels have already been created: we invite you join the project and make one or more yourself. This can strengthen your own resolve by reminding you why it matters so much; your panel may also inspire others to discuss the issues and consider what they could do themselves. And it's fun!

## MAKING A TEXTILE PANEL

### Inspiration : Getting Started:

Consider these questions:

- **Think about something, someone or somewhere that you love .**
- **How will climate change and environmental breakdown affect them?**  
*They may already be affected, and you may need to do some research to find out more.*
- **What action is needed to reduce the risk of harm?**
- **What could you do to help?**

*This could be by yourself or with others. It could be something that you or your community are already doing. What is the most radical thing you could do? What's the tiniest thing?*

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. If you're not sure which of several ideas to choose from, you might like to choose one that is not already featured in our gallery. You could sketch out a rough design on paper to play with ideas: you can make about the right size square from a sheet of A3 paper.

### Making

The finished panel size should be 30x30 cm. Any style or technique and textile materials is fine, but 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 whatever you have. 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 time to enjoy this activity, and also to reflect on the environmental issues, and maybe find out more about them.

When you have finished, please fold the edges back and stitch them in place and/or add a backing for protection, if you can. But don't worry if it's a problem. Please write a few words about the panel, saying what you personally are doing about the particular issue and why. You are welcome to include links to relevant websites.

### Sharing

Please take a high resolution photo of your panel (best with good light and taken from above so that it looks square). Email it to us with the accompanying text, at [lovingearthproject@gmail.com](mailto:lovingearthproject@gmail.com). Please also consider sharing it on social media, tagging us in.

Photos and texts will be displayed in our online gallery and can be shown in local exhibitions. We are no longer inviting all panels to join the travelling collection though a few particular ones may be invited to join it. Panels are normally displayed anonymously.

In sending us your panel and text you give permission for this, and that copyright will be held jointly by the maker and the Quaker Arts Network for the Loving Earth Project.

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

[lovingearth-project.uk](https://lovingearth-project.uk)

Twitter: [@lovingearthpro1](https://twitter.com/lovingearthpro1)

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