

# Textile project open invitation: The RESILIENCE QUILT 2020

## Common Threads @ Framework Knitters Museum

Join us to create a quilt made up of individual creative textile responses to the unprecedented events and experiences of 2020.

We invite you to help us document these extraordinary times: create a textile quilt piece using images, colours, patterns, words, stitches and textures to represent the isolation, the worries, the gardens dug and flowers planted, the extraordinary blue skies, the time we had to listen to the birds, the improvement in air quality, the amazing gestures of friendship, support and bravery; the uncertainty, the boredom! Whatever you are doing, however you are feeling, whatever you are hoping for, sew it into a quilt piece.

The pieces will be stitched together into a quilt and displayed at the Framework Knitters Museum, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, [www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk](http://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk)  
<https://www.instagram.com/fwkmuseum/> The quilt will be assembled into a diamond pattern which has a strong significance for the museum: Ruddington was at the centre of the 19<sup>th</sup> C knitting industry and was known as 'the diamond village' because the knitters finished their work with a diamond signature. The qualities associated with the diamond also provide further inspiration for the quilt: tough, beautiful, resilient etc. Each diamond will interlock into a pattern and be, most importantly, connected.

When the current restrictions are relaxed we will run physical workshops bringing interested participants together to combine the contributions into a finished piece - The Resilience Quilt. It will be displayed in the museum on one of the framework knitters' beds, celebrating creativity and resilience in the face of hardship, both historically and in our current situation.

The project is led by Common Threads which supports wellbeing through creativity inspired by historical collections [www.common-threads.org](http://www.common-threads.org)  
<https://www.instagram.com/com.monthreads/>

The Resilience Quilt project builds on previous Common Threads project the Recovery Quilt, created with more than 50 participants in response to the theme of recovery and PTSD – find out more at <http://www.common-threads.org/#/recoveryquilt/>

This in turn took inspiration from Tracey Chevaliers' Sleep Quilt

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/oct/18/these-guys-can-make-something-beautiful-tracy-chevaliers-new-project-quilting-with-prisoners>

## How to get involved:

Create your textile piece/patch and post it to us by June 20 with the submission form below. So we can include your piece in the quilt, please follow the specifications below:

**Shape:** a square / diamond with all four sides the same size

**Size:** the stitched part of your square/diamond should be 6 inches/15cms x 6 inches/15cms with an **additional border of at least 1 inch/2.5 cm border on all sides**

**Fabric:** medium weight plain / unbleached calico, cotton, linen or similar - natural fibres preferred, if possible

**Colours:** plain cream or white background, embellishments/stitching – pinks, reds, yellows, blues, browns, greys, greens. We suggest avoiding purples/oranges/lime greens and very bright colours as they can be hard to 'match' and we hope to create a harmonious assemblage of pieces which sits sympathetically in a historical setting!

**Decoration:** anything that reflects your experience of recent events, as suggested above

**Share** your work and be inspired by others using #resiliencequilt on Facebook and Instagram

**Need help with fabric and thread?** We may be able to help – email us at [2015commonthreads@gmail.com](mailto:2015commonthreads@gmail.com)

**Please complete the submission form below and send us your piece by June 20 2020**

We look forward to receiving your pieces!



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## Submission Form

Please tell us about yourself, but only tell us what feels right for you.

The only information we are obliged to collect is in bold and is for our funders.

In the unlikely event that we do not have enough space to include your work in the quilt, we will aim to display your work in some way, possibly digitally but please tell us your address in case we need to return your piece.

Name	
Address	
Email	
Telephone / mobile	
Title of piece, if any	
What inspired your piece?	
<b>What impact, if any, has being involved with this project had on your wellbeing or feelings about the current situation?</b>	

Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?	
<b>Please tell us if you are aged 30-50 - we have been asked to record this for funding purposes</b>	I am aged 30 - 50
<b>Would you like to be invited to events related to this project – openings, workshop etc?</b>	Yes      No
<b>Can we include your name in any text we publish/display about the quilt?</b>	Yes - include my name No - I want to remain anonymous
<b>Can we include the information you shared about making the piece?</b>	Yes - include it No - I want to remain anonymous
<b>Do you give your permission for us to assemble your piece into a quilt and display ? Please note: Your piece is non-returnable</b>	Yes      No
<b>Do you give your permission for us to hold your information in line with UK GDPR law Please see our privacy policy <a href="http://www.common-threads.org/#/privacy/">http://www.common-threads.org/#/privacy/</a></b>	Yes      No
<b>Please return this form with your piece to:</b>	The Resilience Quilt /Common Threads Framework Knitters Museum Chapel Street Ruddington Nottingham NG11 6HE

Thank you!



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