

# Join our Community Art Project



We invite individuals, families and groups to decorate and personalise squares of recycled fabric (to a standard size – see instructions below) and then drop them off to us by Friday 30 April. We will join them together to create patchwork wall-hangings.

The theme is being 'Connected' - celebrating our community and our relationships with one another even when we are unable to meet in person. This connection is symbolised by joining the individual pieces together into a completed artwork that we plan to hang in community spaces such as local nursing homes / care homes to bring a little joy.

## What to do:

- **Choose some fabric from home** (e.g., old clothes, curtains, bedding, towels, etc.) that is no longer needed.

*NB. If you are unable to resource the project yourself, we will be able to provide fabric and other resources to help create the squares. If you need us to help, please message us on Facebook or email us – details below.*

- **Cut fabric to size** (we have provided instructions to make a template below – it is important we have all squares the same size)
- **Personalise your square in any way you choose** (sewing, embroidery, applique, fabric or acrylic paint, cross stitch, marker pens, etc.). The squares can contain patterns, images, decorations or words. Have fun and be creative! It is not a competition! Just make it positive!
- **Drop off finished work to us by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April** through letter box at The Exchange, Castle Avenue, Buncrana. If you are unable to do this, please let us know by personal message of facebook or by email at address below.

## Create your template and fabric square:

1. Take a sheet of A4 paper (29.5cm X 21cm)– standard photocopying/typing paper.
2. Lay A4 sheet on table as shown  
Fold corner B down so that top edge A-B lines up exactly with side edge A-C. Carefully press to flatten
3. With pencil carefully trace a line along bottom edge of fold.
4. With scissors cut along pencil line and discard Bottom piece. Unfold the top section to form your square template (21cm X 21cm)

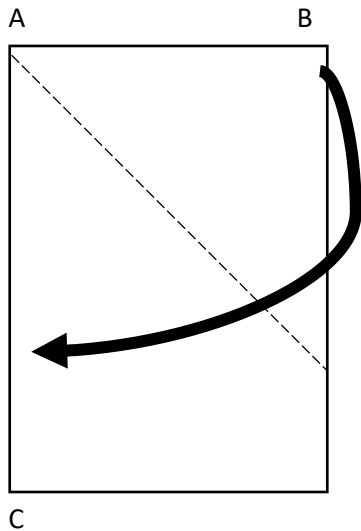


Fig. 1

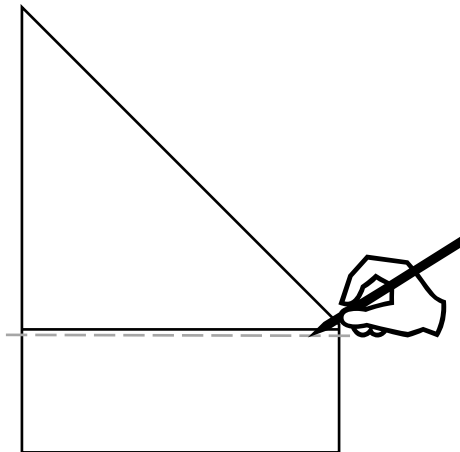


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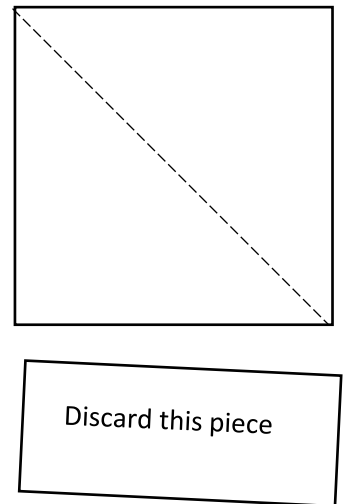


Fig. 3

5. Place template on your piece of fabric  
Use a pencil to trace around template on to fabric

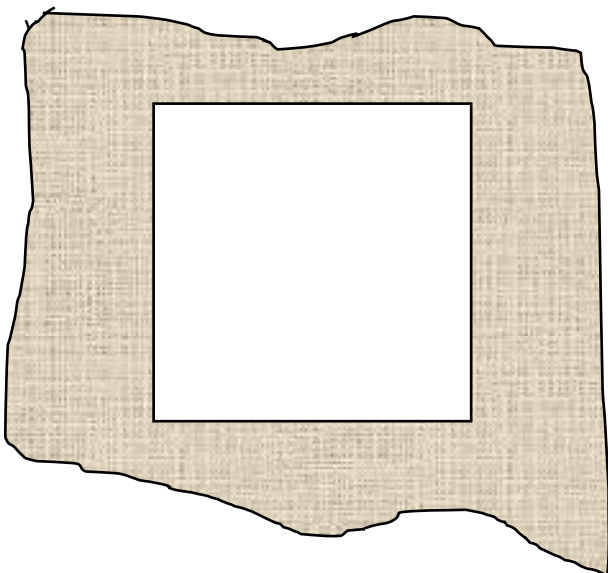


Fig. 4

6. Then on the fabric draw another line to make a margin of approximately 2cms around the template. Cut the fabric out along this outer margin line.

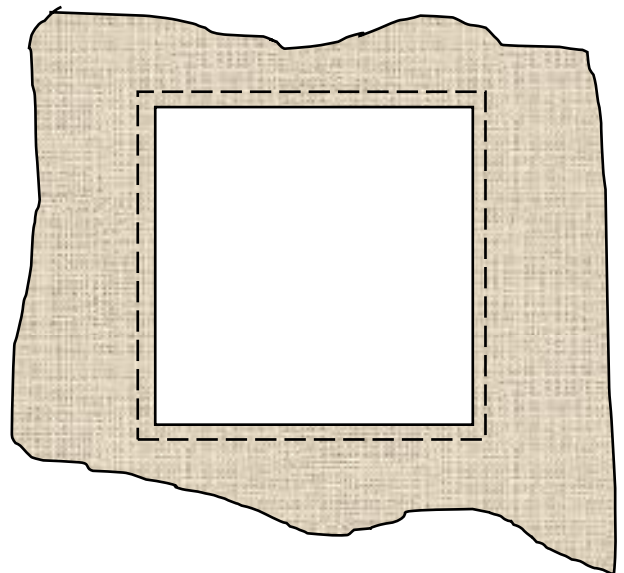


Fig. 5

**Now you are ready to go! Do all your decorating work within the inner pencil square shape. Leave the outer margin clear – we need this to sew the finished pieces together!**