

ILKLEY Lockdown Quilt

The Manor House Trust felt it was important to capture some of the memories and experiences of the lockdown for the town as part of its contemporary collecting. The idea of a quilt seems to fit well with its history of storytelling as well as being a craft created in homes across the world.

It is most importantly to say at the start - please do not worry if you are not a quilter or even if you don't sew. This is a community project to produce an interesting image(s) that captures what the lockdown has meant for you and/or your family. It could be an image of clapping hands for the Carers on a Thursday, binge watching Netflix, the loss of physical connection with your loved ones, your daily exercise regime or eating too much cake. Whatever image captures lockdown for you, that is what we want to reflect.

So, what do we want you to do?

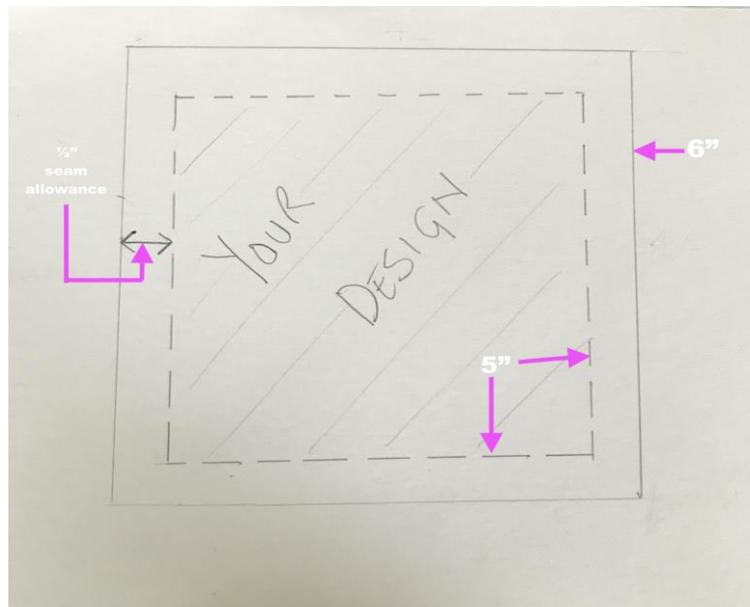
We would like you to make an image on a 6" (15.24cm) square of fabric. You can make as many squares as you like.

STEP 1

Choose your fabric. Any fabric is fine, but cotton is ideal or something not too floppy or too stiff or too bulky as it needs to be sewn to other squares.

STEP 2

Cut a square of fabric 6"x 6"(15.24cm x 15.24cm). The square does need to be cut to these exact measurements. **But please note** - the image you create needs to fit within a 5" (12.7cm) square shape so that there will be a seam allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) round the edge of the square. See below.



STEP 3

Create your design. This can be sewn, painted, stenciled, appliqued, embroidered or any other creative process that can be used on the material you choose.

We have attached an example done by a quilter from one of the community sewing groups in Ilkley.



Please remember - make sure your design leaves 1/2 " (1.3cm) seam allowance round the edges of the square so that the square can be sewn together. It might be easier to draw a faint line with a pencil to create this margin round your square before you do your design. The last thing we want is to lose some of your image when the quilt is put together.

Really important - Please make sure you sew your initials or name somewhere within the 5"x 5" square so it will be visible when the squares are all sewn together.

STEP 4

We would really like you to take photographs during the process of you creating your work or objects that have inspired your work, to be included in the exhibition and to show the community progress on making the quilt. They can be sent to quilts@ilkleymanorhouse.org or, if you have printed them, you can include them with your square when you send it to us.

STEP 5

When your squares are finished you can either put them in an envelope and post it through the letterbox at the Manor House or if that is difficult please email quilts@ilkleymanorhouse.org and we will arrange a safe pickup service.

Please make sure you put your name, email address or postal address with your square so we know who has done what. This will also allow us to contact you to let you know how we are progressing with the quilt and when the exhibition is going to be held at the Manor House.

STEP 6

The Manor House will then arrange for the squares to be made into one (or more) quilts and we will let you know when the exhibition is going to be held.

STEP 7

Happy creating and we are really looking forward to seeing your squares.

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