

Threads of Remembrance

A memory blanket project



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Knitting your square

We are following the knitting pattern that fibre artist Kirk Dunn used when producing his beautiful Pride flag that was recently displayed by our neighbours at Canada House, on Trafalgar Square. Kirk has visited our weekly women's group for a knit-along session, and engaged with our work, and he's kindly given us permission to use his pattern for our blanket.

Choosing your yarn

Please use acrylic yarn where possible, as the blanket may be displayed outdoors in future, and this will help to ensure that it remains more durable in rainy conditions. The yarn can be a weight of your choosing.

We kindly request that you pick one of our brand colours for your square – pink, green or purple. The RGB codes are shown below. This is just a guide, the colours don't need to be exact!

R: 249	R: 71	R: 105
G: 72	G: 178	G: 62
B: 104	B: 120	B: 145

Choosing your needles

You can use needles of any size for your square. What's important is the size of the square (10cm/4inches on each side), rather than the tension. Each square being made slightly differently will help us to represent the individuality of each person who has died whilst homeless.

The pattern

Squares are knitted on the diagonal so that the blanket is less likely to stretch and warp from the weight of many squares being sewn together.

Each square is knitted in garter stitch.

You can see our knitting video about how to produce a square here.

Cast on: 3 stitches, using acrylic yarn

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: K1, Yarn Over, K to end of row.

Repeat row 3 until your work measures 10cm/4 inches along left or right edge (both edges will be the same)

Next row: K1, Yarn Over, K2tog, K to last 4 stitches, K2tog, K2.

Repeat this row until 6 stitches remain

Next row: K1, Yarn over, K2tog, K2tog, K1

Next row: K1, K2tog, K2tog

Cast off.

Getting your square to us

Once you have completed your square, please send it to us by post at:

FAO Fundraising team
The Connection at St Martin's
12 Adelaide Street
WC2N 4HZ

Ideally your square should reach us by **Monday 8**th **September**, but we will accept squares after this.

You can also come to Charing Cross station to attach your square to the blanket in person **between Monday 15th - Friday 19th September**. Please contact us on 020 7766 5555 or fundraising@cstm.org.uk to arrange this.

Next steps

Share – please share your square, and details about our project on social media. We've made this easy for you by creating posts for you here.

Please tag our social media accounts:

Facebook – <u>TheConnectionAtStMartins</u>
Instagram – <u>@connection_homeless</u>
LinkedIn – <u>The Connection at St Martin's</u>
TikTok – <u>@theconnectionlondon</u>
X – @homelesslondon

Donate – <u>please consider donating the cost of a lunch</u> – <u>just £3.45.</u> Having a chat over a nutritious hot meal is often the first step on someone's journey with us. It's a vital opportunity for us to listen, build trust and discover what someone needs next.