

## CALLING ALL QUILTERS

The Loudoun Arts Council is sponsoring a new quilt project, the *COVID-19 Honor and Memorial Quilt*. Quilters from across the region, state and nation are invited to create squares designed in memory of those we've lost or in honor of first responders, healthcare and essential workers, research scientists, grocery store clerks, etc.

Quilt squares received by September 14, 2020, will be displayed during the Loudoun Arts Council's Film Festival on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Squares received after that date will continue to be accepted for future displays, and either individually or sewn into quilts.



### Guidelines for Making Your Square

Decorate your quilt square any way you like. You do not have to be skilled at sewing, quilting, painting, or any crafts. The information below will help you create your square that will be sewn together with others to become part of larger quilts.

#### **1. Choose to make an HONOR or MEMORIAL Square**

- Honor: Please include the name of the person, group or organization and where they are located
- Memorial: Please include the name of the person lost to COVID-19 for the Memorial Square with their age and where they live. Example: *Tom Smith 42 Leesburg VA*

#### **2. Use a piece of cotton fabric for your background or piecing, in any color you choose**

- Cut your fabric into a block that measures 10-1/2" x 10-1/2" square
- Leave a 1/2" inch seam allowance all the way around the square (leave this area undecorated so that we can assemble your artwork safely)
- Template will be on the website

#### **3. Design your artwork only in the 10 x 10-inch center area of your square (inside the 1/2" seam allowance)**

#### **4. You can use a variety of techniques to create your design:**

- Sew, piece, applique, embroidery, cross-stitch; paint or stamp with fabric markers, fabric pens like Pigma pens, fabric or waterproof paint and photocopy on fabric
- Use fabric glue or sew to add patches, ribbons, buttons or personal items from a loved one or a person who is being honored as long as the decorative elements are no more than 1/4" above the surface

#### **5. Sign your square with your name and state on the front anywhere you like using a pen that will not bleed (fabric pen, Pigma pen)**

- **Take a digital photo of your square for our online database.** We will be requesting these images after we receive your square and form t

#### **6. Be please respectful since our quilts are to bring remembrance and honor**

*This nonprofit community-based art project is for educational purposes and the betterment of the community and requires the same adherence of copyright laws as other creative art.*



### Submit Your Square

Send your square in a large enough envelope so that it doesn't need to be folded. Add a piece of cardboard as large as your square to support it.

Your squares must be received by 5:00 pm on September 14, 2020

- **Mail your square:**  
Loudoun Arts Council Inc.  
Second Floor  
215 Depot Ct. SE  
Leesburg, VA 20175 Attention: Covid-19 Quilt Project
- **For local delivery:**  
Address to 'Attention: Covid-19 Quilt Project'  
Mondays and Thursdays, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Large drop mailbox in the lobby area  
215 Depot Ct. SE  
Leesburg, VA 20175

#### 7. Your Information

- Your name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Street address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date you completed your block: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 8. Tell the story of the square

This information will go into a database to more fully tell their story.

Check the box below that best describes the purpose of your square:

- My **HONOR SQUARE** is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person or group, such as first responders, doctor and nurses, scientists working on vaccines, grocery store workers, etc.)

Tell us about the person or people you wish to honor (their title, role during the pandemic, any special action they took, where they live, your relationship)

OR

- My **MEMORIAL SQUARE** is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person) Tell us about the person you want remembered (birth and death year dates \_\_\_\_\_, where they lived, a special memory, your relationship, a bit about them or special item used in the design)

For more information about this project see: <https://www.covid19ushonorquilt.org/our-mission>

Questions? Email: [information@COVID19USHonorQuilt.org](mailto:information@COVID19USHonorQuilt.org)