

Each Child a Light

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Fabric art, textiles and quilts all have a long tradition of protest, comfort and memory alongside being practical, treasured decorative items. Historically they have captured the personal, family and community histories of people whose stories might otherwise go untold, and of those who are marginalised or silenced by mainstream narratives.

We invite you to join us to design and make your own square to be included in this quilt - a quilt dedicated to remembering and honouring the children killed in the Gaza genocide. You can work at home or join us for one of our workshops. No previous experience in quilting is required, you are free to respond to the brief creatively using your preferred fabric technique – for example appliqué, fabric collage, weaving, knitting, crochet, tapestry, Tareez and embroidery; or block-printing, batik, cyanotype or digital prints onto fabric.

Once you are ready to start, please get in touch to request a link to our shared online document where you can find the children's names. Here you can add your name next that of a child you wish to honour. Include the name and age of the child within your design of your square, using either their full name or their first and family name. This can be in Arabic or English, or both.

You may already know of, or have a personal connection with, a child you wish to make your dedication for – if so, please contact us to let us know their name so we can keep a record.

Alternatively, you may of course choose to make a square dedicated to all the children who are as yet unnamed, those children who are still missing, presumed dead under the rubble. Here, you may wish to include a short message or the lines from a poem in your design.

It is a difficult and emotional task and can feel quite overwhelming at times, so there is no requirement to rush. Please take your time.

The project itself is ongoing, and there is no specific deadline. We will however keep you in touch about any potential upcoming exhibitions and events where we look to collect any completed together into panels for upcoming events and exhibitions. Once your squares are completed, they will be stitched together alongside others, adding to the growing testament and memorial to the children killed in this genocide.

For further information and details on how to get involved please contact:

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Guidance for making your square:

- Begin with a fabric base-square measuring at least 30cm x 30cm (no less!), in any fabric, colour or pattern. Please leave all edges raw.
- Create your design within a central area of 20cm x 20 cm, leaving a clear 5cm border. Use any motifs, symbols and/or patterns you feel significant using your chosen fabric technique. *NB: At least 4cms of the border will be visible on the quilt so be careful to choose a base square in a colour/pattern which you feel is integral and complimentary to your design.*
- Include the name of the child and their age in your design ensuring it is clear and legible.
- If making several squares for siblings/family groups, we ask that your design for each square is, whilst different, is visually similar – individual but aesthetically connected in some way. Sibling groups will be kept together in the quilt panels

Measurements:

