A worldwide collaborative art project commemorating the lives of the



physically and mentally disabled people murdered by German Nazis in 1940-41 **Get involved: the70273project.org**

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Between January 1940 and August 1941 (before the Holocaust began), 70,273 physically and mentally disabled people – men, women, teens, boys, and girls – were murdered by the Nazis. Though they never even laid eyes on the disabled person they were evaluating, the Nazi doctors read the medical files and, if from the words on the page, the person was deemed "unfit" or an "economic burden on society", the doctor placed a red X at the bottom of the form. Three doctors were to read each medical file, and when two of them made a red X on the page, the disabled person's fate was sealed. Most were murdered within 1-2 hours."

Jeanne Hewell-Chambers is the founder of The 70273 Project. This

collaboration will make 70,273 blocks, one block to commemorate each disabled person who lost their life. The blocks will then be made into quilts to be displayed across the world in a perpetual moving exhibition.

The purpose of The 70273 Project is to Commemorate, Remember, Celebrate and Educate. Keep these quilts being exhibited in every corner of the world as far as the calendar can see to commemorate the 70,273 disabled people who died, celebrate the countless number of people with special needs who live among us today, and to educate all who will listen to prevent such an atrocity from happening again.



Here in Jersey, we are aiming to collect enough blocks from Islanders to complete 12 quilts, one for each Parish. These will then be displayed on Island before being sent to various exhibitions around the world.

The Blocks

When making blocks for **The 70273 Project** they need to be specific sizes as listed below & must be accompanied by a completed **Provenance form** (on the reverse of this page). If a Provenance form is not completed the blocks cannot be included in the guilts.

Blocks must be a white base with 2 red X's on it and one of 3 sizes:

3.5" x 6.5" (9 cm x 16.5 cm)

6.5" x 9.5" (16.5 cm x 24.2 cm)

9.5" x 12.5" (24.2 cm x 31.8 cm)

Please cut your white bases slightly larger than the required size & ensure sufficient seam allowance is left to allow the blocks to be stitched together without losing the crosses.

The red crosses can be machine pieced, appliqued, embroidered, made with ribbons, buttons whatever you choose. Just a simple running stitch will do as long as the red crosses are securely attached, you do not have to be an expert stitcher, and anyone can make these,



men included. Make one, make lots as plenty more are needed to reach the goal of 70,273, one block to represent each disabled person who lost their life!

Future block making days are in the process of being organised & will be advertised via local media, in the meantime completed blocks with Provenance Forms can be dropped off at Jersey Zoo visitor centre in an envelope clearly marked for the attention of Gisele.

Thank you for your involvement.

Gisele Therezien & Kim Monins The 70273 Project – Ambassadors for Jersey, Channel Islands UK

Founders Website: http://thebarefootheart.com/70273-2/

THE 70273 PROJECT PROVENANCE FORM

(to be signed & returned with blocks to Gisele Therezien c/o Jersey Zoo)

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