MAKE A PANEL AND JOIN THE RIBBON PROJECT

Cut a panel of sturdy cloth, double thickness, of any color, finished size 18” x 36” (46.5 cm x 93 cm).

Sew several rows of stitching as a border on all four sides to give the panel strength.

On this panel sew, paint, write, embroider, applique, weave, knit, tie dye or use crayons or ornaments of any kind to express what you most love about the world and want to protect from human-made disasters.

Sew 9 inch (20 cm) pieces of ribbon or bias tape to each corner so the panels may be easily tied together.

Write your name, address and any story/message on the back of your panel.

START THE RIBBON IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Join with others through a school, university, place of worship, peace organization, senior’s center, library, mayor’s office, via TV or a newspaper article, etc., and create Ribbons to use and display at your local events to remind us all of the urgency to change the way we live and treat the Earth.

Please send tax exempt donations to:
The Ribbon/Peace Action Education Fund
40 Witherspoon Street
Princeton, NJ 08542, USA

The Ribbon is helping to unite We the People everywhere for the care and protection of the earth and all of its inhabitants.

We realize our own familiar and much loved countries need our help in resolving conflicts.

We know we can live in peace by protecting the Earth and all its peoples.

The pictures show families, animals, soccer games, oceans, the seasons, homes... help us create the largest art project in art history.

Tangible Hope

Make your hopes for the world a solid reality by creating a Ribbon panel. Show your connectedness that we are one human race living on one Earth.

CREATE A PANEL

“What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever........”

The pictures celebrate the beauty and importance of each life. When joined together they show we are ready to honor our diversity and celebrate our unity with all humanity in protecting Earth’s life.
SOME EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE RIBBON

1982: Justine Merritt (1924 - 2008) is inspired to tie a “Ribbon” around the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., using the theme “What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever in a nuclear war.” She writes about her idea to friends.

1985: Ten miles of Ribbons encircle the Pentagon and other Washington, D.C., buildings. The Atom Bomb Memorial in Hiroshima is also encircled.

1986-1988: In New Zealand, Ribbons connect US and USSR embassies. In South Africa, black and white mothers use Ribbons to tell their government they don’t want their children killing each other. In Japan, Ribbons protest the razing of Ikego Forest. In Okinawa, 1987, the largest military base is surrounded with Ribbons. In Holland the US and USSR embassies are connected. Tamil, Sinhalese and Christian segments are displayed together in Sri Lanka. In Assisi, 1988, Ribbons are collected, displayed, then mailed in “starter kits” to 40 countries.


1993-1995: Ribbons displayed at the Human Rights conference in Vienna inspire a Ribbon contest in Singapore. The Canadian Ecumenical Council calendar, devoted to art and the UN, features Ribbons. Televised Ribbons are carried under water to help connect Egypt, Israel and Jordan. Segments are contributed by Switzerland, Germany, Italy, China and other countries.

1996/97: International Mothers of Liberia use Ribbons calling attention to the stealing of children for the army. Towns in the Ukraine create Ribbons for a world without wars and violence. Ribbons are given to all the UN Missions and Mayors for Peace are contacted. Estonia and Haiti display Ribbons for peace. In Gas City and Marion, Indiana, USA, schools, places of worship, police, fire department, stores and individuals join together with Ribbons, in Magdeburg, Germany, the Mayor inspires the city’s people to create and display Ribbon panels for Human Rights Day. The Bonnassamlingen Museum in Stenstorp, Sweden receives their own collection of Ribbons.

1998-2000: Ribbons are displayed at the UNESCO Power of Culture conference in Stockholm, for Human Rights Day in Copenhagen, made in China, are exhibited at the HAP in the Netherlands and created for the International Year of Older Persons.

2001-2010: International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World. Ribbons are given to all U.S. Congressmen for the UN Culture of Peace Year. Lake Havasu City, AZ, USA creates and displays Ribbons for UN Day. Africans and Cubans receive Ribbons for peace. Ribbon is given to Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in honor of the Decade for a COP, 9/11 yearly Ribbons are carried from the UN to the World Trade Center, interfaith peace prayer is read at the site. Ribbons are presented to NYC Council, 9/11 families of Peaceful Tomorrows, Mayors For Peace, (NYC Abolition of Nuclear Weapons Day proclamation 4/28/04), Spiritual leader of India, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Peace Boat. Church Women United adopt “THE RIBBON: TANGIBLE HOPE” for their prayer days. Paris and Hiroshima exhibit Ribbons at peace conferences.

THE FUTURE

Each year, on October 24th, we can celebrate United Nations/United Peoples Day (we are all responsible for peace), by displaying Ribbons around the earth to make visible that “We the People” are linking together to end wars and environmental destruction for a safer world. Over 1,000 Ribbons are created and exhibited in Monterrey, MX for the UNESCO Culture Forum.