



# Sheffield Methodist District Justice Quilt Project



**Welcome to our Justice Quilt Project and thank you for your interest in this**

This project led is by the Sheffield Circuit Justice and Peace Group, soon to become the District Justice Seekers community of practice. The quilt will be based on the words of Micah 6:8 **What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

## Walking with Micah

Please use as the starting point for your designs one of the themes of the recent national [Walking with Micah](#) consultation led by Rachel Lampard as follows:

- Tackling Poverty – seeking life in all its fullness
- Flourishing environment – right relationship between people, planet and God
- Justice for refugees – one people, one world
- Opposing discrimination – we are all made in the image of God

What do these, and a striving for justice in any other way that is important to you, mean for your church, circuit, banner group, coffee and craft, house group, friends or Messy Church? *You will be able to see some examples on the District website*

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/p/about-us/synod/justice-quilt-project.html>

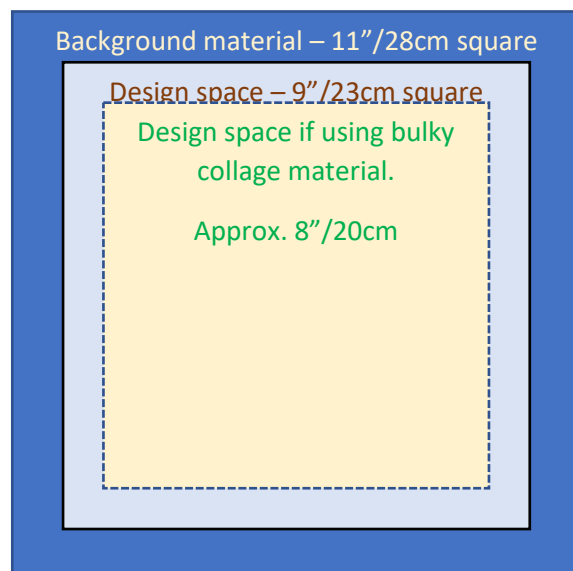
## Technical details

The material for the block should be BLUE and a reasonably firm fabric e.g. denim. The finished quilt will be displayed hanging, so your fabric needs to be sufficiently strong to carry the weight of your design.

Each block must be cut to 11 inches (28 cm) square, with the finished design contained within **9 inches (23 cm) square**. This leaves us a **one inch border** to sew the blocks together.

If you are using collage which is any way bulky, e.g. buttons, try to place these at least half an inch from the edge of the design, i.e. the 9 inch line.

You can decorate your square using any techniques you are comfortable with, e.g. embroidery, fabric collage/ applique, painted fabric, attaching buttons or other trimmings. We hope you are able to use recycled materials or offcuts for the majority of your design.



We advise not painting directly onto the background material, as this may crack when we assemble the quilt. If you use fabric adhesive – bondaweb or spray – we suggest adding some securing stitches.

Anne Hollows is collecting various resources you can use to construct your square if you do not have any locally.

### **Particular help**

We need volunteers to help with the assembly, sewing together and backing of the completed square.

### **The process**

We are really looking forward to the impact that the finished work will have. But the heart of this project is thinking and discussion among the participants and the meaning of the concept of justice seeking in the lives of individuals, churches and associated groups. We would like to keep a record of the thoughts, concerns, dilemmas and choices made by each group. Anne Hollows would like to compile these into an accompanying document. This would of course be anonymised to preserve confidentiality. There are different ways of recording this process, but the most straightforward approach would be for the contact person to keep some notes that could be shared with Anne. Any other suggestions, such as recording discussions on phones, or even video, would be helpful too.

Please do also show your completed squares to your congregation, explain the conversation during their creation, and invite them to pray for the issues raised.

**Please do not hesitate to ask question of seek clarification. Above all we hope that the project will be enjoyable and an opportunity for group and individual learning and reflection.**

**Anne Hollows**