

# Climate Craftivism

**During Climate Fringe Week (18<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> September) we want to highlight lots of ways you can engage in climate activism. And one of the most exciting is 'Climate Craftivism'.**

**With COP26 taking place in Glasgow in November, there has never been a better time to show your support for climate justice.**

## Craft + Activism = Craftivism

Craftivism is all about campaigning through creativity. It's a way to use craft to make your voice heard.

This 'Climate Fringe Week' take time to slow down and reflect while knitting, stitching, sewing or crocheting something that highlights climate injustice.

Crafting isn't just about making things, it can be a meditation on care for creation; a time to slow down and connect with God. Craftivism is not about a perfect finished product – it's about the process of making while highlighting a campaign or issue you care about.

**Remember that everyone can create something, we have all been given gifts and talents from God.**

By sharing your completed handmade crafts you'll show solidarity with those experiencing the effects of climate change today – and you'll inspire others to take action too!

This November, the world's most powerful people are gathering in Glasgow for the UN COP26 conference on the climate crisis. Climate change affects us all but people living in the world's poorest places are affected most. The time to act is now. The world's leaders must listen to the chorus that cries for the earth. The calls for action are loud and clear.



## Here are some Craftivism ideas to join the chorus for a just and green world.

Get crafty on your own at home or in a group, by getting your school or parish involved. Take part indoors, or outside in nature.

### Sew your support

Stitch together patchwork squares for a unique protest banner.



Take your craft to the parish grounds or playground. Decorate trees, fences and benches with your banners and signs.

It's a peaceful protest that looks beautiful and will create a talking point.

## Window Art

Hang your piece in the window for all to see in the run up to COP26.

Try doing an illuminated window display using coloured crepe paper, black card and a lamp in the window.



## Toy protest

Get everyone involved at home. Set up your rally in your living room with toys.

Take photos and share them. It's really fun to do, especially when you're spending time indoors.

## Earth pom poms

Show your concern for our Common Home by creating a display with pom poms. Here's a [video](#) to show you how to make them.



## Top tips

Use recycled/re-purposed/up-cycled materials in your craftivism. And, if making an outdoor display, remember to clear up afterwards and leave no litter.

## Share your Climate Craftivism!

Take a photo of your crafts and show us by tagging @sciaf on Twitter and Facebook, or @sciaf\_insta on Instagram.

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