



The Ribbon

Make your Ribbon a reflection of what is in your heart for peace.



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

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

MAKE A PANEL AND JOIN THE RIBBON PROJECT

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

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 (20cm) 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.

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/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.

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



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.

1989-1992: In the **Middle East**, **Muslim and Jewish** children working together create Ribbons. In **London**, Ribbons are exhibited in the **Houses of Parliament**. In **Geneva**, Ribbons hang in the **Palais des Nations** during the UN NPT Conference. In **New York**, 1991, a UN exhibit includes segments made by Iraqi and American children. Ribbons are displayed in **Brazil** in 1992 and around the world during the “Earth Summit.”

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 Bonadssamlingen 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 display 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**.

LOCAL RIBBON CONTACTS

MAKE A RIBBON SEGMENT TO SHOW YOUR THOUGHTS FOR THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE EARTH AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, THEN DISPLAY YOUR SEGMENT AND LENGTHEN THE GLOBAL RIBBON.

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