

### Street by Street - The Creative Revolution!

### Do It Yourself STREET PARTIES!

#### **HELPFUL HINTS from the LANTERN COMPANY**

The Street by Street Creative Revolution activities have been specially designed to kick start the party, from your own home. You can enjoy them as stand-alone or connected activities to inspire families, friends and neighbours to come together in your block / street / local park, in a safe and socially distanced way, to connect and make a mini creative celebration.

This is may seem very difficult during the COVID pandemic but as long as safety guidelines are kept to there is no reason why we can't still come together, be creative and celebrate.

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### **Unify Your Street!**

A step by step banner making workshop you can do from home, alone or with those in your social bubble, suitable for all ages and abilities.

The main objective is to have fun and create something beautiful or meaningful for your neighbours to see everyday on your street!

During these difficult times many people and felt alone or isolated but it has also given some of us a greater sense of community and time to think about others.

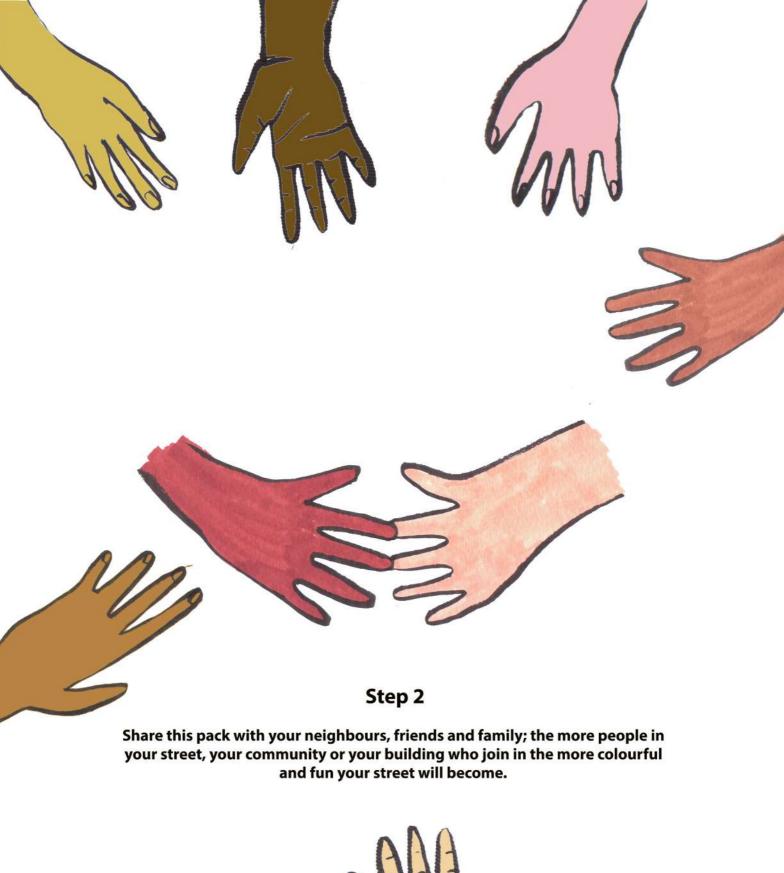
Making a banner could be a creative way to connect and communicate with your neighbours showing them you care!

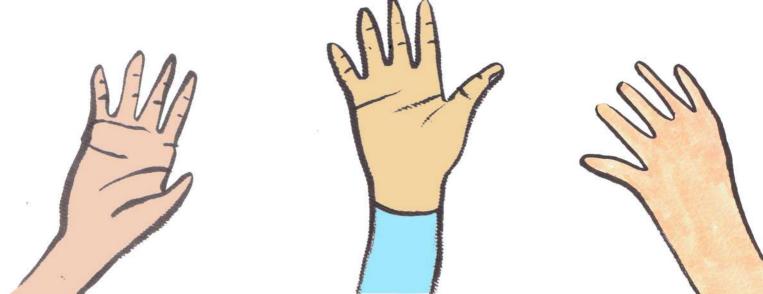


Step 1

Have a read through your banner pack, maybe print out this document and watch the instructional step by step video.

Decide if you want to work alone or with your family, house-mates or those in your social bubble.





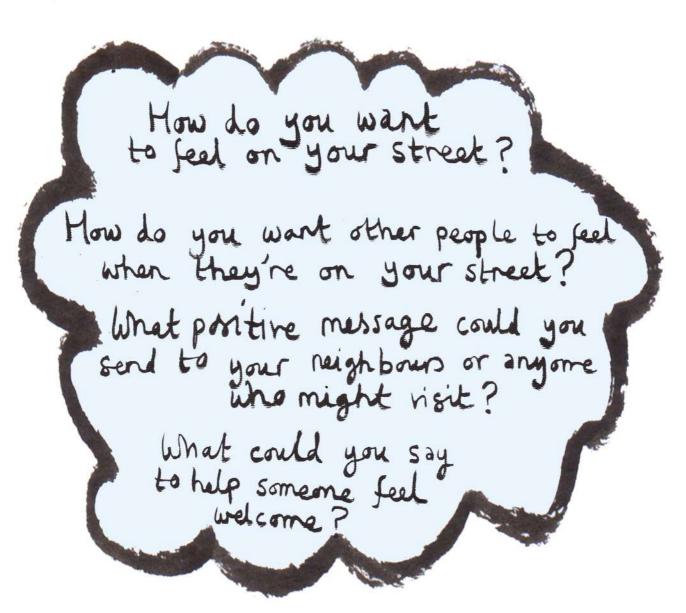


Step 3

Simplicity is what we're aiming for; a street filled with positive messages to each other, whether they be words, symbols, or happy smiling faces.

The banner is your symbol of fun that will express positivity and connectivity for you and your street.

# Think about these questions ...



### Step 4

Read through the questions or find more visual inspiration from the video banner examples in the video.

You could chat about these with your family, neighbours or friends.

The best messages are often simple and short but be creative!

The project is yours to have fun with!



## Step 5

Now you have your idea, see what materials you have at home.

Reusing things is a great way to cut down on waste, save money and find inspiration.

Recycling could come in useful!

Some examples; Old clothes, sheets, cardboard, polystyrene, newspapers, magazines, wool, string, wall paper

Whatever you can find!



Your collected materials will determine your tools and how to construct your banner.

For example; When using cardboard for your base you might need glue, scissors, paint or markers.

Or you might collage into your base cutting shapes or letters out of paper or fabric, sticking them on.



## Step 7

If using a sheet, curtain or scrap of fabric, you'll need a needle and thread or fabric glue.

Or you may want to draw/paint on directly.

Gather your tools, make sure you're using things belonging to you, or ask for permission.

Make sure younger children are helped with dangerous tools.



Step 8

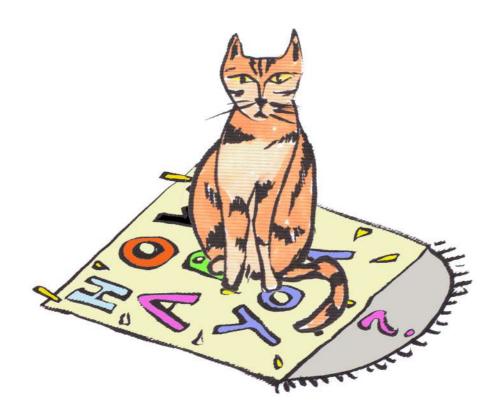
Now it's time to have fun!

Drawing, painting, sticking or sewing on to your base.

Plan where your words will go. Sketching a plan beforehand is useful.

So they're not squashed and you don't run out of space!

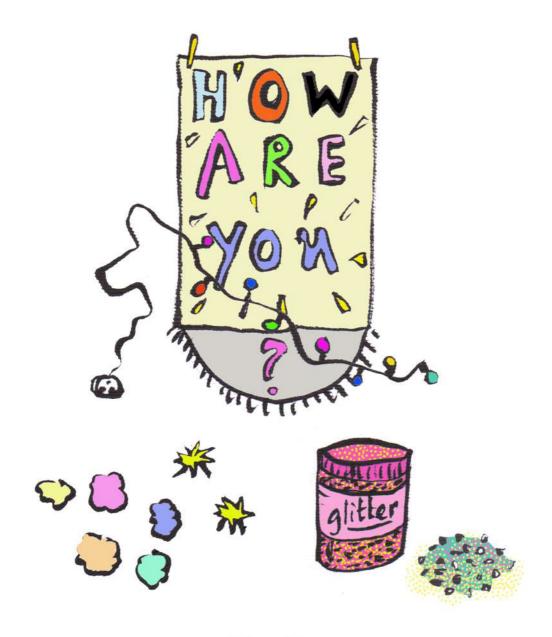
Help each other, maybe you could each do a different job?



Step 9

Once you're finished and everything is on your banner you might need to let it dry somewhere safe, where it won't get walked on or attacked by the cat!

While you are waiting you could all decide on the best place to hang it, somewhere that speaks with your street!



## Step 10 Nearly there!

If you did want to jazz up your banner you could add things like; glitter, wool, fairy lights, tassels, pom-pom's; anything you can get your hands on!

You can also leave it as it is, clear and simple!



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Hopefully your banner will inspire people on your street to make one too!

Your banner might help someone feel included, brighten up someone's day or it might even help to make a new friend.

Nice work you did it!!

(Please refer to the Covid safety checklist if you are unsure about how to work safely)



if you're still feeling creative and want to do some more
decorations you could collect up any spare
materials you didn't use, cutting them into triangles while your banner is drying.
These can be used later on to string together to make bunting.