

DIY

CROSS-STITCH YOUR RIGHTS

Using craftivism to promote gender and sexual equality and rights.

- 1 Ideas 4 Change** – Using ideas from any of the AGENDA starter activities (e.g. Runway 4 Change, What Jars You etc) choose one issue or message to share on your cross-stitch square. See the 'Crafting Equality' case study for ideas and resources of different craftivism and cross-stitch projects around the world.
- 2 Mock-up** – Working individually or in pairs, mock-up your design on scrap paper. You can cross-stitch a slogan (e.g. Gender Equality for All, Malala Rocks!) or symbol (e.g. the peace symbol). Perhaps cut-out the light coloured cloth into a favourite shape, write a message with felt tips and stitch this to your square.

What is cross-stitch? Cross-stitch is a form of sewing in which X-shaped stitches in a tiled pattern are used to form a picture

- 3 Get Stitching** – Make and decorate your squares (e.g. with bells, beads, sparkles)
- 4 All together** – When the cross-stitch squares are complete, discuss how you might bring them together to make a whole piece (e.g. a heart-shape collage, a rectangle banner, a cape)
- 5 Pin-up** – Using the safety pins to connect each square, work together to form your final piece.
- 6 Display** – Choose where to display your cross-stitch artefact. Give it a name! Share in an assembly, or on twitter.

What you need:

Cross stitch squares
Needles
Thread or wool
Light coloured squares of cloth
Felt tips
Art materials to decorate
Scrap paper
Safety Pins
Scissors

Before you begin adapting this activity for the children and young people in your setting, read the section on **Safety and Support**.