



DES Justice UK Embroidery Campaign



Create a lasting legacy for you and your loved ones who have been affected by DES – help us create the DES Justice Patchwork, ensuring that anyone affected by DES is never forgotten.

Hi,

My name is Charlotte. I am a hand embroidery artist who uses coding to write words and phrases in embroidery. I, like many of you, have been affected by DES, and I want to ensure that as many men and women affected by DES are not forgotten.

Alongside the campaign work being conducted by the DES Justice UK community, I am creating a patchwork/quilt to ensure that the names of everyone who has been involved, past and present, with this campaign or who has been affected by the DES drug are remembered and forever preserved within an embroidered textile.



What we are looking for

- We would love to collect as many first names (full names can also be sent if you would like) of people who have been affected by DES to be embroidered on the patchwork.
- Please find a simplistic design which represents the person you would like to have an embroidered patch for – to be stitched alongside the name.
- We would love to encourage as many people as possible to embroider their own patches. This can be done in three different ways:

1. Embroider your patch with the name of your loved one and motifs that best represent their personality.

2. Send your loved one's name to charlottefarrantembroidery@gmail.com, and we will translate the name into a set of stitches that will spell out your loved one's name in code. You can then use these to embroider motifs that best represent your loved one. Don't worry, we will send instructions on how to create each type of stitch! (It would be lovely to also embroider the name of your loved one onto your patch if you can.)

3. If you would like to be involved and have a name included in the patchwork but feel unable to embroider a patch, we are also happy to have names sent through with a motif that best represents your loved one. We will then embroider these patches for you and add them to the patchwork.

We ask each embroidered patch to be created on a medium-weight fabric (any cotton, linen, etc., just no stretchy fabrics) and, of course, the fabric and threads used must be yellow! Each fabric patch must measure 12cm x 12cm. Please ensure your embroidered design is no bigger than 10cm x 10cm and is placed in the centre of your patch..



- Once you have completed your patch, send me an email to charlottefarrantembroidery@gmail.com and I will send you the address to send your finished patch to. Your patch will be added to the DES Justice UK patchwork.

Help us to create the DES Justice Patchwork, ensuring that anyone affected by DES is never forgotten.

DES Justice UK Patchwork Concept Art



DES Justice UK

Diethylstilbestrol (DES) was a synthetic hormone, prescribed to an estimated 300,000 women in the UK from the 1940s to the early 1980s. Marketed as a “wonder drug” to prevent miscarriage and improve baby size, it was also given to stop breast milk production.

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