**Embroidery Artist makes new piece for Day of the Dead from clothes of the dead**

When someone you loves dies, what do you do their clothes? For some disposing of the dead clothing can be a real source of distress. What better time to reflect on the problem than November 2nd, All Souls or as Mexicans call it, the 'Day of the Dead'?

"There is an alternative to getting rid of all the clothes or keeping them boxed', says Charlotte Macmillan who is usually found embroidering costumes for pop stars Boy George and John Grant. 'Make them into an artwork.' Charlotte will be a creating an new altar cloth for St.Cuthberts' Church in Wells one of the venues taking part of the Festival of Death and Dying taking place in Somerset over the weekend of 1-3rd of November.

'I will be sewing on site, a large altar piece made entirely from these donated items of clothing. It will be a community based artwork that can be thought of as a bereavement process; as we stitch and plan the piecing of these clothes, we will remember and memorialise the person who inhabited them.'

There will be the opportunity to work with Charlotte on this piece by hand sewing or embroidering personal messages into the cloth. At the end of Saturday, the Day of the Dead, the piece will be completed and available to view in the Church itself.

Charlotte will be at the St.Cuthbert's Church on Friday 1st through Saturday 2nd a venue at the Festival of Death of Dying. Please bring one piece of clothing you would like to include in the memorial altar cloth.

This event is free at the point of entry. Encouraging financial co-response-Ability see FAQ's @ [deathfest.co.uk](http://deathfest.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR0xo0X8vvKv2xJzIV6Qv5OgvnsP6LqdMyk0L7DfYJMMyJ93adUcER86nnM" \t "_blank) also for full programme of events at the Festival of Death and Dying, 3 days of events exploring death and dying in Wells, Glastonbury and Shepton Mallett.

Charlotte Macmillan is the collagist, see her work <https://www.instagram.com/_the_collagist_/>

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