

Edna Vihel Center
3340 S. Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85282



Yarn Bombing - Information for Participants

Thank you for your interest in being a part of this inventive and fun community art project - the first of its kind within the City of Tempe! Information is provided below on the Yarn Graffiti movement, as well as details regarding the supplies needed to take this project from just an idea and turn it into a colorful creation for all to enjoy.

Yarn Bombing started in Houston, Texas by a crew named *Knitta Please*, and has grown into a world-wide graffiti/art/fiber movement. Yarn Bombing may take many forms and generally involves the act of attaching a handmade item to a street fixture, or leaving it in the landscape to be noticed through chance encounters. It can be as complex as a sweater made to cover a statue or as simple as a square wrapped around a lamp post. Yarn Bombing may be political, heart-warming, and at times even funny. A great example of Yarn Bombing humor can be seen in northern Italy where an enormous pink bunny made of straw-stuffed fabric lies on the Colletto Fava hillside; it's so large that the image has been captured by Google Earth! Most of all, Yarn Bombing is unexpected and it resonates with almost everyone who encounters it.

Materials: Knitted square or rectangular shapes in widths ranging from 6 to 38 inches. Any color, pattern or fiber of your choosing (think lace)! Since this is a project for the community, by the community, please keep all images and themes tasteful.

How: Pieces will be attached by knitting or sewing them into place, and will be installed around the City of Tempe's Community Services Complex Courtyard, located on the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue in Tempe. Trees, poles and stationary objects are fair game!

When: The bombing will begin as soon as pieces arrive. The fun of this project is that anyone can show-up and attach pieces at anytime of the day; just pick a spot and start bombing! The goal is to have creations take shape through random and impromptu public participation.

What if I don't knit?: That's okay! If you don't knit but would like to be involved, the Edna Vihel Center at 3340 S. Rural Road in Tempe will be accepting donations of yarn and fiber scraps for participating knitters.

Contact: If you have any questions or need help getting started, visit the Edna Vihel Center main office, or call: 480-350-5287.

Thanks for your interest and "bombs-"away!

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