
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION LETTER and Consent Form (PICF)

Online Survey

PROJECT TITLE: What motivates quilters to make a temperature quilt and what impact do they have?

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2024-3764

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Dr Tracey Clement

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

1. What is the project about?

This research project aims to discover what motivates quilters to make a temperature quilt, and what impact making a temperature quilt has on the quilter and their friends/family. You are invited because you have made a temperature quilt.

2. Who is undertaking the project?

This project is being conducted by Dr Tracey Clement from Australian Catholic University. Tracey is an experienced artist and researcher with a PhD in Contemporary Art from the University of Sydney. She has a strong background in textiles and has made several quilts, including a temperature quilt.

3. Who can take part in this study?

Participation in this study is subject to certain eligibility criteria:

You are able to take part if you are over 18-years-old and you have made at least one temperature quilt.

You will not be able to take part if you are under 18-years-old and you have never made a temperature quilt.

4. What will I need to do to participate in this study??

If you decide to take part in this research, you will complete an online survey. The survey will ask you to answer questions about what motivated you to make your first temperature quilt and how this may (or may not) have affected your attitudes to the weather. It is anticipated the online survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. This survey will be confidential.

If interested in participating in an optional more in-depth interview, you will be asked to leave your email address at the end of the survey. Participating in the interview is separate from the survey and does not affect participating in the survey.

5. Do I have to take part in this research?

There is no obligation to participate in this research and if you do not wish to take part, you do not have to. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw without consequence and explanation at any stage. Your decision to participate or not, or to take part and withdraw, will in no way affect your relationship with ACU or any parties involved in this research.

Before deciding to take part in this research study, please read the information carefully and feel free to ask questions, or to talk things over with a relative or friend.

Submitting responses online in this non-identifiable survey is consent to participate and responses cannot be withdrawn as they are not identifiable.

6. Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?

Whilst there are no foreseeable risks, you may find some of the questions uncomfortable, such as disclosing your age range. But this risk will be mitigated by the fact that the results are non-identifiable. If you were to become distressed or upset by any of the questions, you can skip a question, take a break, or simply stop and close your browser, as this research is completely voluntary.

7. Are there any costs or reimbursements involved?

There are no costs to participating in this study beyond your time.

8. What are the benefits of the research project?

Although there may be no direct benefits to your involvement in this research, you can request access to a summary of the results and the benefits from this research may include learning more about the quilting community.

9. Can I withdraw from the study?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are not under any obligation to participate. If you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time without adverse consequences by closing the browser before submission, and your data will not be used for this study.

Once you have submitted the survey however, we will not be able to withdraw your responses, as the survey is anonymous.

10. Will anyone else know the results of the project or have access to my information?

Any information or personal details gathered during this study are confidential and will not be shared with third parties without your consent. The data from this research project will only be accessible to the research team and will be shared and stored on the ACU secure servers (e.g. SharePoint, OneDrive or file servers) for 15 years in a non-identifiable format where your identity will remain unknown.

ACU will manage your personal information and share data in accordance with its Privacy Policy and, where applicable, international regulations, such as the EU/UK's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). In limited cases, your data may also be viewable to ACU systems/software staff and administrators to address IT issues.

11. Will I be able to find out the results of the project?

The results of the study will be published within articles in peer-reviewed journals and mainstream publications. All information about you will be published in a way that will not identify you. If you would like to receive a copy of the results, please contact a member of the research team listed below. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

12. Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact a member of the research team below.

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What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

The study has been reviewed by the Human Research Ethics Committee at Australian Catholic University (review number 2024-376). If you have any complaints or concerns about the conduct of the project, you may email the Manager of Research Ethics and Integrity, the Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) at Resethics.manager@acu.edu.au

Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and reviewed and acted upon, as appropriate.

13. I want to participate, what do I have to do?

Submission of the online survey is an indication of your consent. By clicking the submit button at the end of the survey, you are providing your permission for the research team to collect and use non-identifiable information about you for the research study. Responses cannot be withdrawn as they are not identifiable.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Tracey Clement

- ***Please retain a copy of this information letter***

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I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email, I have provided my contact details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only.

Name: _____
Email Address: _____