

CCC utopia art proposal - Hackers Pride: T-shirts Quilt Banner in Rainbow Colors

<https://42.ccc.de/en/>

description: "Hackers Pride" is a rainbow-coloured quilt / patchwork, sawn out of old T-shirts from the hackers camps & congresses, FLOSS conferences, hackathons and other events (such as as RIPE & NOG meetings), peace & Climate Justice protests etc.

Rainbow-coloured patchwork, made of T-shirts from hackers camps& congresses, hackathons, RIPE&NOG&FLOSS events, peace&climate protests.

How: Final product is a series of photos of the quilt, or a short video clip of "making of".

I will be sawing together 7 rows of 7 T-shirts, in each of the 7 colors of the rainbow.

Over the years, I have collected many T-shirts at the tech events, and my friend have been donating them to me too.

This will be a 3rd large project of this kind that I made since 2005:

* "Been There, Done That, Got a T-shirt" was made for WTH20025 (Dutch Hackers Camp)
https://wiki.techinc.nl/T-shirts_Hacking#Hackers_flag_goes_places

* "50 Shirts of Gray" was made in 2013 for OHM2013
https://wiki.techinc.nl/Fifty_Shirts_of_Gray

Since then, they were both touring to many other events & even exhibitions:
(33c3, BalCCoN, Novi Sad; Bits & Bäume Berlin, MCH2022; RIPE85 Belgrade; SHA2017)

WHY:

The selected T-shirts in rainbow colours express the "pride" in the inclusivity of the hackers community, support for LGBTQ* people, and symbolise interconnection ("we are all in this together"). It is aesthetic & a political statement: embracing diversity, equity & inclusion in our movement.

Practically, "hackers pride" object has multi-purpose: it is used as a banner, a flag, a curtain: for decoration; for demonstrations; for creating focused space, for keeping warm...

Symbolically, the T-shirt banner is a repository of memories from the past; it connects me to all the places & times where & when I was when I "got a t-shirt";

Socially, the T-shirts are used to connect people to each other, through the visual reminder & recognition that we were there together, that we have a shared past. I have often heard people commenting on it, pointing to each other: "hey, I was there too!"

It is also an expression of creativity & technical skill in using the sawing machine, and an illustration of the reusing precious materials, up-cycling them through art & giving them new life.

The message is part of Hackers Ethics: "you can create art & beauty using [machines/computers/technology]".

Costs:

* Minimum: 420€ for my intellectual & creative labour

* If I get more money, I could cover these extra expenses:

- 420€ for the manual labour, either mine or I could pay someone else
- 420€ for the photography or and/video work (either mine or someone else's)
- 100€ donation to the hackerspace, where I made my previous flags & am storing my T-shirts
- 42€ maintenance of the sawing machine (threads, oils, spare parts)
- 9€ shipping costs of sending the flag to the 38c3 (if I don't go there in person)
- 9€ washing & ironing costs by the dry cleaner

=1000€

+ 420€ for my intellectual & creative labour

Participants:

* either just me doing it all

or

* several friends I could pay to do the sawing, photographing, video, repairs, ironing...

Other Art

* I have been taking part in art projects in 20th & 21st century:

https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/public-wiki#20th_Century

** 1997: Documenta X, Kassel, Germany: Cyber-Feminist International

** 2018: Alchorisma, Hasselt, Belgium

** 2019: "Isekle smo kablove", Museum of Modern Art Novi Sad, Serbia

https://zenskimuzejns.org.rs/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Merging-Result-2_compressed.pdf

** 2023: "Nevidljive zene / Invisible Women" at Mostovna, Solkan, Slovenija

<https://www.mostovna.com/dogodki/nevidne-enskeinvisible-women>

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/public-wiki#Exhibitions>

Other links:

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha>

<https://becha.unciv.nl>

<https://github.com/becha42>

<https://labs.ripe.net/Members/becha>

Writing:

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/public-wiki#Writings>

&

<https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha#Bibliography>

Videos of Presentations I gave:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJD5uaec7bwyDUPN7VJOHiEzcAYd2x9XS>