

Help The Space Blankets Project Grow

This project was started by two people in Portland, Oregon. We hope it will grow bigger than Portland, and bigger than us. Getting started is easy and just takes a few supplies.

What You'll Need

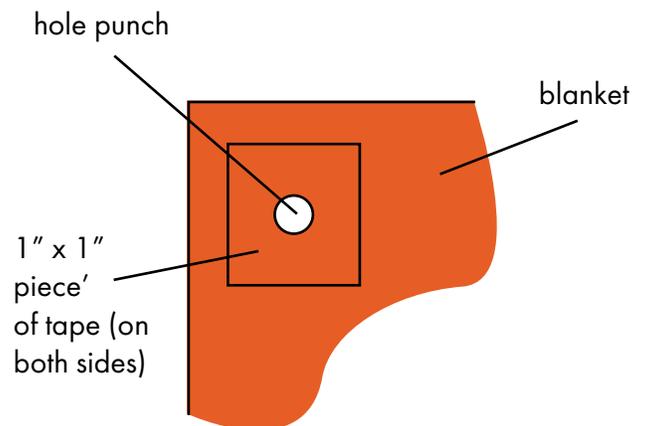
- A mylar/space blanket. These can be found in the camping or first aid section of a big box store, or local outdoor store.
- Single hole punch.
- Clear plastic zip ties, about 8" - 12" long.
- 1" wide aluminum foil tape. Can be found at a hardware store. You can also use silver duct tape cut into 1" strips, but the aluminum tape will blend into the blanket better.
- Information Tags (next page). Printed (double sided), laminated, and hole punched.

Construct the blanket and go put it on something!

1. Reinforce each corner of the mylar blanket with a 1" x 1" square of duct tape or aluminum tape. Place the tape about 1/4" in from the corner (see diagram). Do this on both the front and back. This will ensure that the blanket isn't easily ripped off by people, or the wind and turned into litter.
2. Punch a hole in the center of the tape at each corner.
3. Print and laminate the tag. This can be done at a print shop. You'll want to print double sided. Punch a hole in the gray circle.
4. Find your statue. Wrap the blanket around the statue and find a snug fit. Find at least two points where the holes you punched can be connected by a zip tie, or chain of zip ties. If your statue is particularly large you may need two blankets.
5. When you fasten the blanket with the zip ties think about how to incorporate the tag. You can hang it off the front or off one of the unused corners.

Tips

- For a big impact select monuments/statues/etc. in highly trafficked public places, such as business districts and parks.
- For those who are more risk adverse, avoid places where there might be a lot of security, like in front of a hotel. Consider a park.
- While it's fun to put these up on large impressive statues, remember it's important people know what this project is about. If you decide to put a blanket where the informational tag will be out of reach to passersby consider how you can otherwise communicate the message.



We want to feature your contribution!

Take a picture and use #spaceblankets on social media. Include the location and the date it was put up!

Legal stuff

We found the law regarding the impermanent and nondestructive decoration of public property is hazy. As far as we can tell it's like yarn bombing— not really legal, but not a huge deal either. We cannot advise you on your local statutes or give legal advice. Before taking part in this project we recommend you read up on your local laws regarding graffiti, property damage, and littering, well as your legal rights if confronted

by and security guard or police officers. Those taking part in this project are doing so without our approval or prior knowledge and do so at their own risk. We cannot be held accountable for anything you do or anything that happens to you if you decide to participate in this project in any way.





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