



# 5 WAYS TO MAKE DOTS

**GIANT FABRIC DOTS:** Sometimes you have to go big to get attention! Sew sheets of fabric together to form a giant Dot. Bring it to a place that has been impacted by extreme weather or is a cause of climate change and arrange your participants around the Dot. Consider painting a message or image onto the fabric. Try and take a photograph from above if you can.

**MATERIALS:** Bed sheets work great as fabric, and can be dyed by putting them in water-based paint with lots of water (latex house paint works great). You can project images or words onto your sheet using a projector, then trace the image and make it colorful.

**TIPS:** Get local quilters groups or sewing circles involved. Think about places that might donate fabric scraps or old bed sheets (e.g. hotels, nursing homes, dormitories, etc.).

**PHOTO DOTS:** Photographs can be one of the most emotionally impactful mediums we have. Use giant photograph Dots to show what a place used to look like. Bring a photograph of what a receding glacier used to look like and photograph it in front of the glacier, or bring a photograph of a house to the empty spot left by a tornado. Consider using large portraits to highlight the story of an individual who has been impacted by extreme weather.

**MATERIALS:** You can use PostRazor (a free and easy online program) to print out large photographs on regular A3 or A4 paper. The program allows you to choose the size you want, so all you need to do is fit the pieces together and glue them down to form a large image. The best method is to glue the printouts first onto a large piece of paper, and then wheatpaste (or glue) that onto a solid piece of cardboard or a wall. Cut the image into a circle to have it be a ready-to-go Dot.

**DOT SIGNS:** It doesn't get much easier than this — but these Dots can be super powerful **because** of their simplicity. Just cut a circle out of cardboard, then paint or glue colored paper onto it. You can easily write or paint messages onto your cardboard Dots too. These are great if you want to make lots of Dot for rallies, marches, or other big actions.

**MATERIALS:** These can be just cardboard circles mounted onto sticks or held above your head. Invite everyone to come and bring a big cardboard box to make their own. A great way for making lots of these quickly is to use stencils.

**TIPS:** If you make them double sided, then they are doubly effective.

**EARTH ART DOTS:** Let the medium be the message. Use natural or impacted materials to form a dot. Bring ash from a local forest fire, snow from a receding glacier, dead crops from a failed harvest, or compost that will be used to form a community garden. Earth Art Dots can be small or large, made by a single person or by many.

**TIPS:** You can work with these materials where you find them, or bring them into a public space. Just imagine the attention making a giant dot out of dirt would get in your town square or shopping center! Or gather different impacted materials of different colors and create a beautiful mandala.

**HUMAN DOTS:** Use people as your medium! Have people lie down in the shape of a Dot, then photograph it from above. Just draw a giant circle on the ground and fill it in with people. Think about colors, perhaps have everyone wear blue, and ask them to bring an extra pair of blue-jeans to put on the ground to fill in the spaces. They can even hold up a sign in the middle of the Dot with your message on it.

**TIPS:** Drawing a big Dot can be simple. Have someone stand still holding a piece of string and walk in a circle around them holding the other end. Mark the edges using a piece of string or by drawing in chalk. Make sure you can get high enough for your photo.