

MOTHER BUNTING

And what is actually going on is, you had a baby that died, maybe it died in the early weeks of pregnancy when it's called a miscarriage, or maybe it died just before it was born, or just after. Or maybe nobody died. Or maybe it just *nearly* died, or it didn't but you thought it would, or maybe you killed it, or you thought you did, or you wanted to but couldn't, or now you wish you had. Or you never wanted to at all, but you worried all the time that it would die. Or maybe your dad did really die, just before or just after your baby was born. Or maybe the baby has no dad, or maybe there was a dad but he left. Or maybe he is still there but you really wish he wasn't. Maybe sometimes you think he will kill you, or your baby, or both. And maybe you just have had no proper sleep, not just last night, or the night before, but for *eight months straight*. And maybe you are in despair because your house looks like a pile of crap and your body is trashed in ways you can never speak about to anyone, you can't even speak about it to yourself, it's so upsetting. And maybe your kid just spent the morning screaming and throwing things around the sitting room, and you tried every 'parenting advice' blog and in the end you just got really, primevally angry and shouted at your kid and wanted to kill her, and then she cried all upset and you felt *absolutely terrible*, and that you aren't a fit parent and should never have had kids... and quite possibly you are going through some other unnameable and unknown torment. and then you had to come to this party and you became this pretty bunting in the background, making people feel nice but not really noticing you except in passing.

Your Mother

Bunting...what will it say/show?

Mother Bunting will be collected for show at the Stroud art festivals in April 2017 and for other shows yet to be determined. Feel free to organise your own **#MotherBunting** events.

Share your **#motherbunting** plans - twitter/instagram
Facebook page @motherbunting
Email it **sarah@sarahdixonfineart.co.uk**

Posting Mother Bunting for show:

- Please use the template to size your piece
- Any materials and methods so long as they can be attached to a string of bunting
- if you would like your Mother Bunting returned please enclose an SAE with postage and state what date you would like it back (after May 2017)
- it may not be possible to show all work - depending on venues and other factors but a photographic record will be made of each piece
- I am unable to offer compensation for lost or damaged bunting, if you are not 100% happy with this please just share images and don't send it in.

Name: _____

Remain anonymous? Yes / No

OK to share on social media? Yes / No

Please return my bunting: Yes / No

if Yes, I have enclosed an SAE with adequate postage

Date for return: _____

This is your invitation to make

#MOTHERBUNTING

Please take this **Free Template** and use it for your own Mother Bunting. Share, send it in, keep it, burn it, whatever works for you.

Please **post** your Mother Bunting with the form opposite to:

Sarah Dixon/Mother Bunting
114 Summer Street
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