

Borderfree Blue Scarf

The **Borderfree Blue Scarf** represents our collective wish as a human family to live without wars, to share our resources and to take care of our earth under the same blue sky.

Looking towards a world free of borders, we hope for people and friends to work together around climate change, socioeconomic inequalities, militarism with its wars and other global challenges facing humanity today, and wear the **Borderfree Blue Scarves** while organizing shared solidarity actions as a strong 99%!

“The political and economic mafia of Afghanistan and the world run this country with their guns and bombs,” says Abdulhai, a 17 year old Afghan Peace Volunteer. “We the people are rather helpless, unless we stand together.”

60% of Afghan children are malnourished. In 2012, at least 2500 Afghan women committed suicide. And over the past four decades, Afghan families have lost at least 2 million loved ones to wars.

Such glaring disparities and inequalities of Wealth and Power make ordinary Afghans like us, the Afghan Peace Volunteers, feel occasionally frustrated, de-humanized and lonely.

We wish to play a small part in humanity’s work towards a better world.

No more war! No more economic exploitation by the 1%! No more destruction of the earth and climate! No more systemic hunger and homelessness! No more brainwashing by the media!

Borderfree is a response to [Prof Noam Chomsky’s challenge to build a world free of borders.](#)



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How the Borderfree Blue Scarves are made

Currently, 24 of our female Afghan Peace Volunteers are sewing these blue scarves. Each of them gets a small wage per scarf. When more requests come, we will involve more female volunteers in the sewing.

The hems, twirls and embroidery are done by hand.



Currently, we're making two types of Borderfree Blue Scarves.

One uses a thinner, cotton material and is azure blue, the colour of the sky on a clear bright day. This blue is also found in lapis lazuli (سنگ لاجورد), a stone found in parts of Afghanistan.

The second type of scarf uses a heavier nylon material, is larger in dimension, and is close to periwinkle blue.

Each scarf has the embroidered words 'Borderfree' and 'بدون مرز' (pronounced 'bedun-e-marz' in Dari, one of the two official languages of Afghanistan, meaning 'without borders').





How to place orders for the Borderfree Blue Scarves from Afghanistan and pay for them

Borderfree Blue Scarves made by the Afghan Peace Volunteers in Afghanistan can be ordered by sending an email and a cheque payment to one of two Voices for Creative Nonviolence (VCNV) offices below. Cheque payments can either be made when placing the email order or at a later time after the scarves have been sold.

Email sent to: mayaevans@fastmail.co.uk

Cheques payable to "VCNV UK"

31 Carisbrooke Road

St Leonards on Sea

East Sussex

TN38 0JN

United Kingdom

Email sent to: info@vcnv.org

Cheques payable to "Voices for Creative Nonviolence"

1249 West Argyle Street,

Chicago, IL 60640,

USA

The email should state:

Full name of person requesting Borderfree Blue Scarves:

Name of organization/community:

Quantity of Borderfree Blue Scarves ordered:

Address for Borderfree Blue Scarves to be delivered to:

Cheque made out for _____ (amount of money in US\$ / British pounds or other currencies)

The amount made out for in the cheque is determined by the individual or group making the order, based on the price per scarf at which they wish to sell the scarves at. The recommended selling price on a sliding scale for the two types of scarves are:

Azure Blue Borderfree Blue Scarf : US\$8 to US\$15 per scarf (5 to 9 British pounds per scarf)

Periwinkle Blue Borderfree Blue Scarf : US\$15 to US\$20 per scarf (9 to 12 British pounds per scarf)

The proceeds will go towards:

1. The cost of making the blue scarves, including payment of a small wage to the female Afghan Peace Volunteers for each scarf they sew. Afghan Peace Volunteers who help co-ordinate the Borderfree Blue Scarves project, and internationals involved in the delivery of and receipt of proceeds, are volunteers who do not charge any fee or profit from any of the proceeds.
2. The transport and delivery costs of the scarves
3. The Afghan Peace Volunteers' long-term work for non-violence in Afghanistan.

How the Borderfree Blue Scarves from Afghanistan will be delivered to you

We're currently working out economical means through international volunteers and contacts to transport and deliver/courier the scarves. We ask for your understanding as regards delivery time, which will depend on the availabilities of volunteers who can courier them from Afghanistan to your address.

We currently do not have existing funds dedicated to transport and delivery.

Making your own Blue Scarves

For those who would rather create and make their own 'Borderfree Blue Scarf', please refer to the photos below for guidance on their design and specifications.



Azure Blue Borderfree Blue Scarf : 140 cm X 54 cm



Periwinkle Blue Borderfree Blue Scarf : 188 cm X 74 cm

For those who do not yet personally know the Afghan Peace Volunteers, upon placing an order for Borderfree Blue Scarves, we invite you to make a Skype or telephone connection with us, in order to establish and build our friendship, by writing to borderfree@mail2world.com

Enquiries about the Borderfree Blue Scarves can be made by writing to bluescarves@mail2world.com



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