

# Your guide to making wax rubbing serviettes

Seeing Thurrock  
Differently:  
A Journey Home

T100 Festival  
22 May – 7 June 2026

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# Let's make wax rubbing serviettes!

In 2026, T100's theme is **Seeing Thurrock Differently: A Journey Home**. We're inviting new perspectives on how we look at Thurrock and its many neighbourhoods, histories and landscapes.

One way we'll do this is by creating an original set of serviettes featuring wax rubbings made across Thurrock. These serviettes will be used as tableware at a community meal on 6 June 2026, bringing people together from across the borough as part of the T100 festival finale.

Through wax rubbings, we'll tell the story of Thurrock using both natural and man-made textures found in local places – from pavements and railings to leaves, bark and hidden details that often go unnoticed.

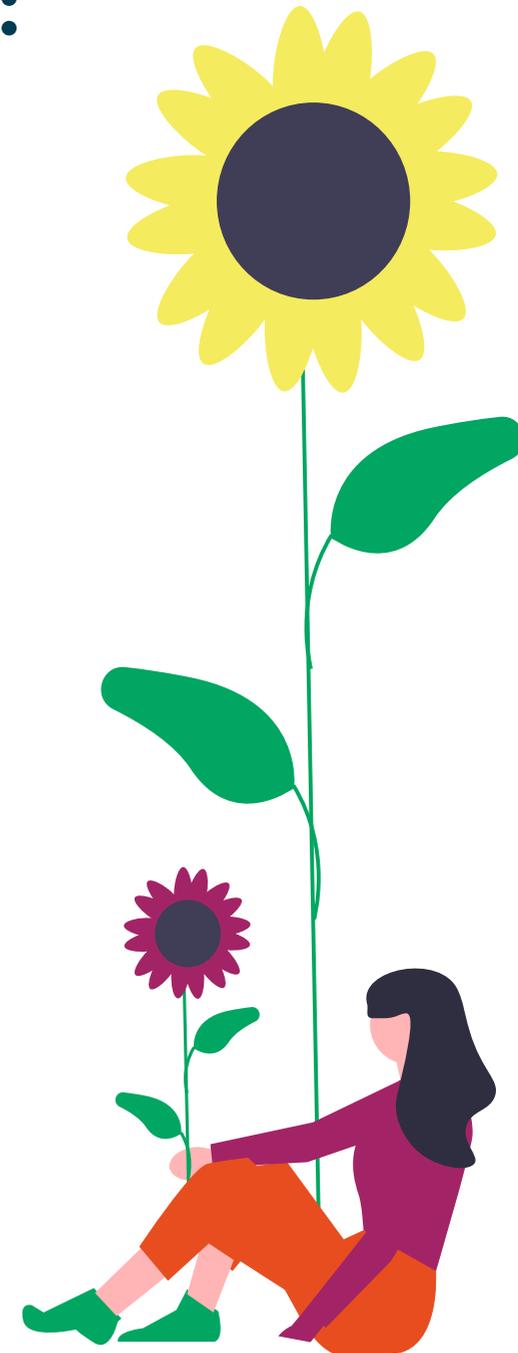
The cotton fabric has been naturally dyed, and it's important to us that this project is made as sustainably as possible, minimising our impact on the environment wherever we can.

Alongside the serviettes, we'll also be working with community members to create a large tablecloth for the event, with placemats highlighting hidden gems from different areas of Thurrock. If you'd like to hear more about this or get involved, drop us a line at [hello@t100festival.co.uk](mailto:hello@t100festival.co.uk)

# Your wax rubbing kit contains:

- A piece of naturally-dyed fabric  
(To find out more about Kinetika's Natural Dye Experiment, see [kinetika.co.uk](http://kinetika.co.uk))
- A wax crayon
- A small strip of fabric to write:
  - the location
  - the date your rubbing was made
  - your name (if you're happy to include it)
- A safety pin

Use the safety pin to attach the fabric strip to your serviette. This will be sewn on later and will help tell the story of each serviette – giving people at the community meal a sense of where and how it was made.



# How to make your wax rubbing:

1. Stretch the fabric tight over an interesting surface. If possible, have 2 people hold the fabric while a third person uses the crayon.
2. Use the side of the wax crayon, pressing firmly and **rubbing in one direction only**. Rubbing back and forth can blur the details.
3. Work from top to bottom on vertical surfaces, and side to side on horizontal ones.
4. Think about the overall composition of the serviette. How do the different textures sit together across the fabric as a whole?
5. Rather than focusing on a single texture, aim to fill the fabric so textures meet, overlap, or sit alongside one another.
6. Look to the natural world too. Leaves, bark and other organic textures can create beautiful results..
7. Don't worry, there is no right or wrong way to do this and no "right way up". Trust what feels right to you.

# Submit your designs

**Monday 5 May 2026**

All serviettes to be returned to the T100 team.  
To arrange drop-off or collection, please contact:  
[hello@t100festival.co.uk](mailto:hello@t100festival.co.uk)

## Key dates

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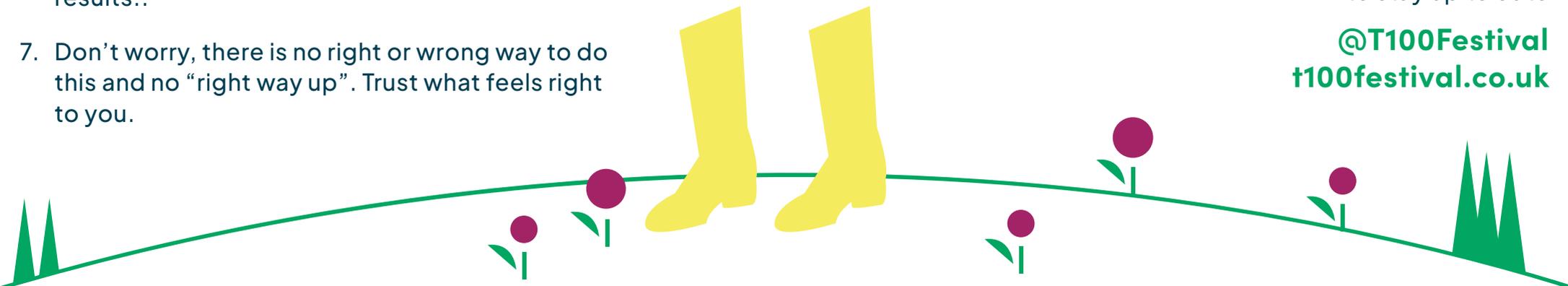
Festival Dates

**6 June 2026**

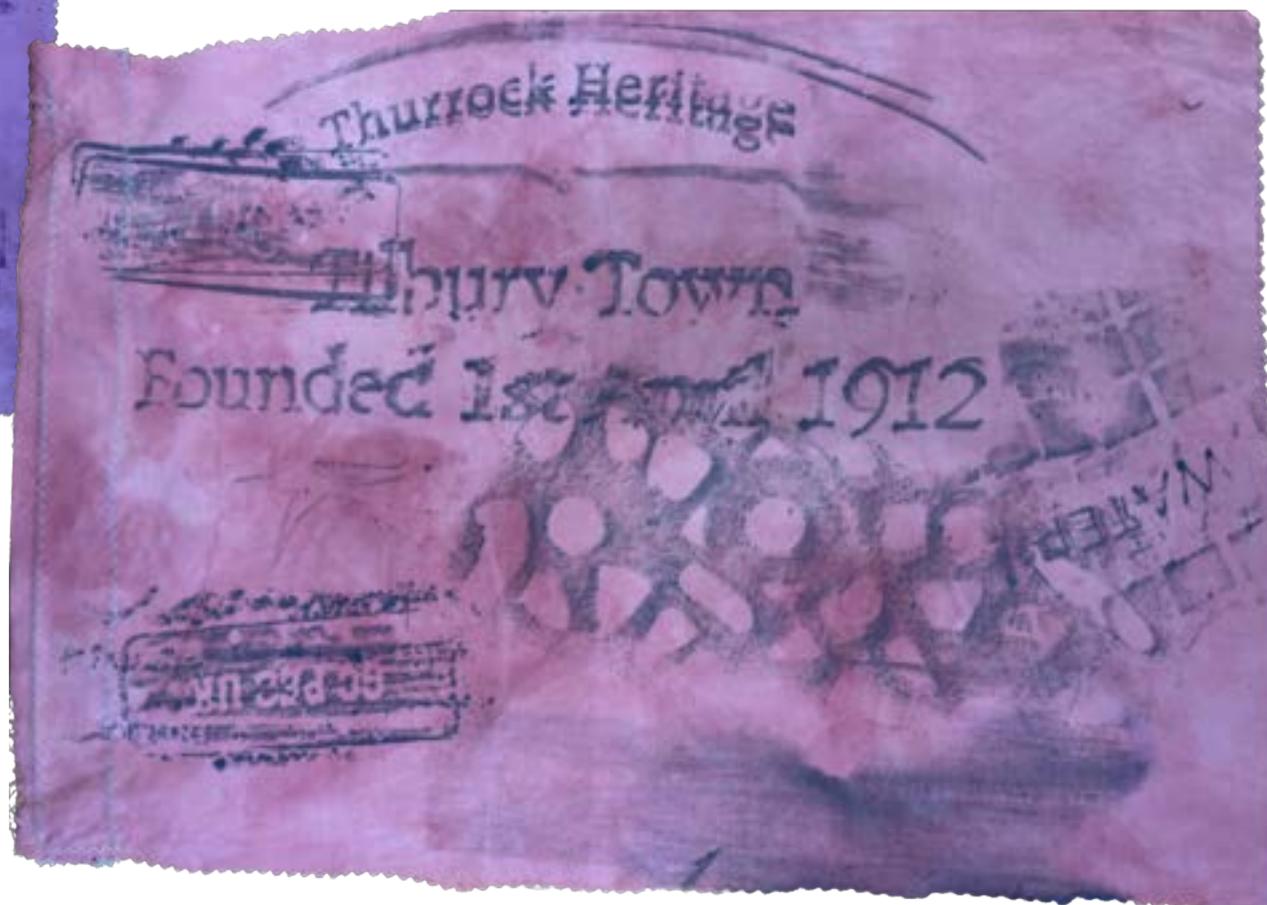
Serviettes will be laid on the tables at the Community Meal during the T100 festival finale, with full details shared as part of the festival programme announcement in February 2026.

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## Questions?

If you have questions about the wax rubbings, the serviettes, or how they'll be used at the Community Meal, contact us at [hello@t100festival.co.uk](mailto:hello@t100festival.co.uk)

