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## Quilters and Makers Unite to Raise Money for Anti-Racism Groups

June 8, 2020 -- More than 250 quilters, sewers, makers, and creators have joined together on Instagram for an online fundraiser of handmade items to support anti-racism organizations across the United States.

“Quilting and creating have a long history of social justice in this country. We are an industry that cannot sit on the sidelines in this moment when our black friends, family, coworkers, and fellow creators need us the most,” said Amber Elliot of [Alderwood Studio](#) and co-organizer of the Fundraiser for Anti Racism.

Fellow co-organizer Mathew Boudreaux of [Mister Domestic](#) added, “This fundraiser is just one small piece of larger collective action we need to take. As an industry, we are not doing enough to support and amplify black makers’ work and voices.”

Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the following organizations: [Black Lives Matter](#), [I Run With Maud](#), [Justice for Breonna Taylor](#), [In Memory of Tony McDade](#), [The Movement for Black Lives](#), [NAACP](#), [National Bail Out](#), [National Urban League](#), [Portland African American Leadership Forum](#).

Items available include handmade quilts, hand-dyed yarn, sewing notions, fabric, handmade jewelry, hand carved decorations, and much more. Alongside makers, several companies including Fat Quarter Ship, Oliso Irons, Art Gallery Fabrics, and Quilters Dream have donated items. All items are listed and bidding will take place on Instagram at [@misterdomesticfundraiser](#). Bidding will open June 8th at 8 am PT and run through June 12th at 5 pm PT. In addition to the fundraiser, please follow Black Makers Matter on Instagram at [@blkmakersmatter](#). They are a coalition of black makers united to bring about and implement cultural transformation in the sewing and crafting industry.

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