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## 12,000 "Granny Squares" Will Cover Museum Facade

A Miracle Mile institution gets a new (and temporary) look.

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Yarn Bombing Los Angeles

Some 12,000 "granny squares" will cover the facade of the Craft & Folk Art Museum on Wilshire Boulevard starting on May 25. A knit graffiti collective is behind the whimsical (and temporary) work.

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If you know about the yarn graffiti or yarn bombing movement, you know that a deep streak of whimsical, beauty-minded mischief runs deep in its temporary-art heart.

This can lead to crochet strands crisscrossing some random light pole or a bike rack transforming into something akin to a giant flowery pot holder. And, just sometimes, if the stars align, it can lead to the front of a three-story museum being covered by 12,000 individual "granny squares."



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The brightly hued squares, which usually can be found in blankets and made-with-love sweaters, don't normally cover sizeable structures. But that will all change on Saturday, May 25 when the [Craft & Folk Art Museum](#) is thoroughly and completely granny-squared.



And who is doing the granny-squaring? Yarn Bombing Los Angeles, the knit graffiti collective that is behind a lot of art-pretty, idea-filled happenings around SoCal.

"CAFAM: Granny Squared" brims with ideas and questions. The notion of covering the museum, which is smaller than the other museums of Miracle Mile, with something craft-based, which is too often considered a smaller artform, is one of the hearts of the mega project.

And it is mega. The squares will hail from every state and 25 countries. So when you see it, consider the many hands and minds that went into one unified vision. A vision that is truly whimsical, yes, but asks big questions in the way that art can do best. By pleasing us first visually, but leaving us to consider what it ultimately means.

The project is set to move to Skid Row after it wraps at CAFAM. Oh, and the wrap date? July 1, 2013.

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