



## Family, Place, Stories

### Activity inspired by the *Yiwarra Kuju* – *The Canning Stock Route* exhibition

Many of the artworks in the *Yiwarra Kuju* exhibition are about special places to the Aboriginal people around the Canning Stock Route, special stories or myths around this area and family ties or connections between people. Can you think of your favourite or special place, an important person in your life or a great story from your family?

Kids in the discovery space over the 2010 Summer school holidays painted their own vibrant canvas inspired by the themes of family, place and stories. The kids didn't use paintbrushes, they used cotton filters, paddlepop sticks and skewers to apply and scratch back paint. At home, you might be inspired to paint your own artwork.

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#### Family, Place, Stories instructions

*What you will need:*

- Small canvas board (alternatively you could use paper or cardboard)
- Any brightly coloured paint and a paper plate for a palette.
- Matchsticks, paddle pop sticks, straws, skewers, cotton filters or other things to make marks with paint (you could even use the end of a paintbrush).
- Paper and pencils
- Apron (or old clothes so you don't get paint on your good clothes)

*What to do:*

It's a great idea to draw your artwork plan with coloured pencils on paper first (you might like to look check out the Museum website to get some inspiration).

Once you know what you are going to paint apply the different colours using the materials you collected. Experiment by using dots, lines and scratching back the

paint once you have applied it. Does your artwork tell a story about your special place, important people or an interesting story?

Have fun! We'd love to see your results.



