



AT HOME #19

FAMILY FRAMES



left to right: Ken family artists Tjungkara Ken, Freda Brady, Yaritji Young, Maringka Tunkin and Sandra Ken with their work *Kangkura-KangkuraKu Tjukurpa – A Sister's Story*, 2018 Adelaide Biennial of Australian Art, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide; Courtesy the artists and Tjala Arts, photo: Nat Rogers.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

The Ken sisters – Tingila Yaritji Young, Maringka Tunkin, Sandra Ken, Freda Brady and Tjungkara Ken – and their mother, Paniny Mick, are artists from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. Art has been an important part of their family; their father and grandmother were also artists. The Ken sisters learnt how to paint with their *kami* (grandmother) when they were children. The youngest sister, Tjungkara Ken remembers “that’s the way I came up painting, kids sitting down with grandmas, and grandma telling the story and putting dots down”.

ABOUT THE WORK

Kangkura-KangkuraKu Tjukurpa – A Sister's Story, 2017 is a large painting that includes the traditional family stories of *Tjala tjukurpa* (Honey Ant dreaming) and *Kungkarangkalpa tjukurpa* (Seven Sisters dreaming). To create these large panels, the Ken family stretched the canvas across the ground and sat in and around it. Each sister has a different style of painting, and by working together, they were able to make a shared work of art.

MATERIALS YOU NEED

- Picture frame with a glass front
- Super glue or hot glue (for frame)
- Strong wire, 30 cm long
- Coloured permanent markers
- Coloured tissue paper
- Craft glue

BE INSPIRED

Kangkura-KangkuraKu Tjukurpa – A Sister's Story, 2017 is on display in Gallery 7

CREATE YOUR OWN WORK OF ART

- 1 To create your clear Family Frame, ask an adult to help you remove the backing of the picture frame. Discard the backing of the frame. Using glue, secure the glass into the front of the frame.
- 2 With an adult's help, bend the wire into a triangle shape and twist the ends together to secure them. Be careful when bending the sharp ends of the wire; glue one side of the wire triangle to the top of the frame. This is to hang your work later.
- 3 With your family, sit around a table with the clear frame in the centre. Talk about your favourite family trip or day out. Who was there with you? What did you see and do? Using coloured permanent markers, each person draws parts of the story onto the glass.
- 4 When you have finished drawing, decorate the glass using small pieces of tissue paper and craft glue. Leave the glass to dry overnight – the glue will dry clear so that the paper is transparent.
- 5 Stand or hang your family frame in a window, so that the sunlight will shine through the glass and coloured paper.

FINISHED? We would love to see your work! Ask your parent or guardian to post a photo on Instagram and tag the Art Gallery of South Australia

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