



# AT HOME

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image: MASON, Vicki, Australia, 1966. *Hybrid cluster (black/red) brooch* 2007, Melbourne, PVC, polyester thread, sterling silver 4.0 x 6.2 x 1.4 cm; Rhianon Vernon-Roberts Memorial Collection 2007, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Artist Vicki Mason was born in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1966 and she has lived in Australia for many years. Her wearable works of art feature different types of plants, including those that are native to Australia and those that are introduced. She uses plants to present a sense of place and our connection to the landscape.

## ABOUT THE WORK

In *Hybrid cluster*, Mason uses different types of flexible materials to create wearable art. She pleats, folds and spirals these materials to create these delicate wearable flowers. Sterling silver is used as the mount for each of the brooches.

## FLOWER BROOCHES

### MATERIALS YOU NEED

- Tap washers, plastic rings from bottle caps or any other recyclable circular forms.
- Coloured wool or string.
- Coloured drinking straws.

### BE INSPIRED

Would you like to see *Hybrid cluster (black/red) brooch* up close?

Vicki Mason's work of art is on display in the Gallery 18a stairwell, as a part of The Rhianon Vernon-Roberts Memorial Collection.

### CREATE YOUR OWN WORK OF ART

- 1 Start with one washer or plastic ring. Wrap the coloured wool or string around the ring so that the material passes through the centre. Continue wrapping until it is completely covered.
- 2 Attach the next ring to the first by wrapping the wool or string through the centres of both washers, before continuing to wrap the rest of the second ring.
- 3 Attach the rings in different directions to grow your work of art and use different size rings so that there is variation in your design.
- 4 To create different shapes and textures, wrap a drinking straw around the ring. The straw turns into the petals of a flower!
- 5 Once you are happy with your finished work of art, consider how it can be worn; in your hair or on your wrist? Is it a brooch or even a decorative key ring? Consider attaching pins or clips to make it wearable.

**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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