

Start at home

Family album fun



**My experience, my art that I make starts with questions
I have about where I am placed within the whole**

– Daniel Boyd

About the artist

Aboriginal artist Daniel Boyd is a descendant of the Kujjila and Gangalu people of central Queensland. He has exhibited his work, which includes paintings, installations and the moving image, in Australia and overseas. This is the first work of his to enter the Gallery's collection.

About the work

The large two-part painting is based on a family photograph. The photograph from the family album is only small while Boyd's painting is enormous. It was taken before Boyd was born and shows an outside family gathering – a family picnic. The artist's mother, father, aunties, siblings and cousins are all at the picnic. The balloons, which are the colours of the Aboriginal flag – red, yellow and black, are hung from the trees.

The painting was made during Boyd's return visit to see his mother on her Country which overlooks Trinity Bay, south of Cairns. To make the painting Boyd painted a black background, then dotted the canvas with glue before painting over the dots.

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Materials you need

- Copies of old family photographs – some taken before you were born and some after
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Watercolour paint or acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Water container and paper towel or a rag

Take it further

Ask your family about their favourite holiday destinations. Make them a special postcard based on what they tell you about this special place. Ask them to write a message on the back based on their memories.

Try it yourself

Make new family memories by combining old and new photographs

- 1 Look at photographs of your family before you were born. Who can you identify?
- 2 Cut around copies of the photographs of yourself. These can be photocopies.
- 3 Put yourself in the picture. Experiment with placement and then glue down the image of yourself in the family photograph.
- 4 Use watercolour or acrylic paint to hand colour the image so that all of the parts are unified. If you are successful it will look like a new photograph.
- 5 Display your new work of art in a prominent location in your house.

Untitled (TBOMB) is currently on display in Gallery 7.

detail Daniel Boyd, Kujjila/Gangalu people, Queensland, born Cairns, Queensland 1982, *Untitled (TBOMB)*, 2020, Sydney, oil, synthetic polymer paint and archival glue on canvas, 245.0 x 396.0 cm (2 panels, overall); James and Diana Ramsay Fund 2020, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, © Daniel Boyd.

We would love to see your work! Ask your parent or carer to post a photo on Instagram and tag the Art Gallery of South Australia. Or you can email your photo to us at public.programs@artgallery.sa.gov.au

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