



4A KIDS Autumn 2020 – this is the first ever 4A KIDS kit!



[chunyinrainbowchan.com/](http://chunyinrainbowchan.com/)

Chun Yin Rainbow Chan is a vocalist, producer and multi-disciplinary artist, who makes songs, performances, artworks and research projects.

For 4A KIDS, Rainbow investigates a special word - and makes character shapes in clay!



[idalawrenceprojects.wordpress.com/](http://idalawrenceprojects.wordpress.com/)

Ida Lawrence is a visual artist who weaves stories through her art and education projects.

For 4A KIDS, Ida guides us through making an 'almost' batik artwork and remembers a great holiday!



[marikitsantiago.com/](http://marikitsantiago.com/)

Marikit Santiago is an artist who lives in Western Sydney, where she makes artworks that investigate culture and her own Filipino background and Australian nationality.

For 4A KIDS, Marikit makes an appropriation artwork with us - perfect for this time of isolation!

Abdul-Rahman Abdullah is an artist who lives in Western Australia and makes artworks that feature animals and memories, often carved out of wood.

For 4A KIDS, Abdul-Rahman shares info about some of the many animals he likes - and you can colour his artworks in!

[abdulrahmanabdullah.com/](http://abdulrahmanabdullah.com/)



4A KIDS is a 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art project connecting kids with contemporary Asian and Asian Australian contemporary art, culture and ideas. All activities are commissioned from artists and each 4A KIDS kit has activities for kids ranging from 5-17 (and beyond!) Want more? Visit [4a.com.au](http://4a.com.au)



## Introduction to some animals: Abdul-Rahman Abdullah

The animals that I make are mostly the ones that I've met. I like the ordinary animals that anyone can encounter, even if you live in the middle of the city such as Pigeons, Crows, Cats, Dogs and Spiders. Lots of the other animals that I make you won't meet walking down the street, like Sheep, Snakes, Chickens, Kangaroos, Camels, Stingrays or other fish, but we all know where to find them. The things I like most about animals is how they can be friendly and very tame, but at the same time they are wild and instinctive. We like to pretend that we are in charge but they will make their own mind up and do whatever they like. Sometimes a cat will be a big fat lazy kitty who wants to be patted and fed, but when it spots a mouse it becomes a dangerous predator.

Two animals that I keep coming back to are the Crow and the Sheep. The Crow (that I mean, should really be called the Australian Raven but everyone just calls it a Crow). They are very smart animals who live in families, speak their own language and have very long memories. Crows are very adaptable and have learned to live alongside humans, even though humans think they own everything. In stories from all around the world, Crows are known to be messengers, they bring news, give us warnings and tell stories.

I don't think that Sheep are very clever but they love being with their family and hanging out together. Sheep have lived with humans for thousands of years and they are very useful to us. They provide friendship, wool, milk and dinner, keeping us warm and well fed. Every day we use things that have been given to us by sheep, but we don't often think about them as part of our lives. In stories from all around the world, Sheep represent communities of people and times of peace. Lots of historical and mythological figures have been shepherds at some time in their life.



Next time you hear Crows calling, try and imagine what they are saying, maybe they are talking about you. If you see a Crow's eyes you can tell how clever they are, they always look like they know big secrets.



Next time you see a Sheep, try to imagine what they might think when they see you. All animals show us things about ourselves, how to adapt to new things, how to always love your family and how to take care of each other.



# Introduction to some animals

with Abdul-Rahman Abdullah

I grew up in the city and while I had a few pet cats I didn't really know animals very well, just the birds who visited the backyard and the neighbourhood dogs that would chase me when I rode my skateboard.

Now I live on a farm so there are a lot of animals around me. Around my house there are lots of Kangaroos, two Sheep, three Alpacas, nine Chickens, four Horses, lots of Magpies, Cockatoos, Blue Wrens, Honeysuckers, Pardalotes, Willy Wagtails, Goannas, Blue Tongues, Possums, Dugites, Tiger Snakes, Spiders, Bulls, loads of Cows, even a few Quolls and Echidnas, and my pet goat Trevor. I'm surrounded by all of these animals but I'm not in charge of any of them, I feel very lucky that I get to share the same space.

Thanks for learning with me + 4A KIDS!  
Abdul-Rahman Abdullah



On the next couple of pages, you can colour in some drawings of Abdul-Rahman's carved wood animal artworks!

But first - can you name the animals below?



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I reckon these animals are:

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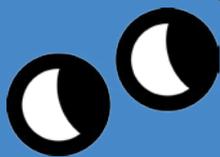
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colour!



This artwork is:  
Abdul-Rahman Abdullah,  
*The Gift*, 2019.

I picked these colours because:

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This artwork is:  
Abdul-Rahman Abdullah,  
*Snake Dream*, 2018.



Thanks for having fun with 4A KIDS - see you next time  
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