

# ART SUNDAY AT HOME ACTIVITY: TIED TO NATURE MOBILE

## EXHIBITION FOCUS: BARKA, THE FORGOTTEN RIVER



### ACTIVITY EXAMPLE



*Barka, The Forgotten River* is a collaboration between two artists, Badger Bates, a Barkandji man from Wilcannia and Justine Muller, a Sydney-based artist. By combining a number of mediums they explore their concerns for the degradation of the Barka Darling River which runs through Wilcannia.

Their artworks use found materials from the Barka like mussel shells, feathers, sticks and leaves to symbolise the environment and footprints in clay to symbolise the community.

The Barka means life to the Barkandji people, it is everything to them culturally, it reflects their whole being.

Create a work that expresses what your home or favourite place means to you .



### MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- Wool
- Scissors
- Texta
- Cardboard or paper
- Hole punch (or a pencil)
- Found materials including a large stick

**STEPS:** 1. **EXPLORE** the outdoors and collect some objects like sticks, leaves, bark, flowers, stones or seeds. Don't forget to find a large stick to hang everything from.



2. Using cardboard or paper **TRACE** around your hand or foot using a texta. You might also like to trace around the hand or foot of someone in your family.

3. **CUT** out each shape and punch a hole where you would like them to hang from. You can do this using a hole punch or a pencil.

4. **ARRANGE** all your found objects under the large stick and play with how things are arranged.



5. Once you are happy with the arrangement attach a piece of wool to the large **STICK** at each end. This will be the handle for your mobile.

6. **TIE** a piece of wool to each object then tie the wool to the stick. When you are doing this think about the level you'd like the object to hang from.

**HOLD UP  
YOUR MOBILE  
AND ADMIRE  
YOUR WORK!**