MAKE: WEAVE A WATER PYTHON

Be inspired by BULANYDJAN Dorothy Djukulul, *Karritjar (water python)*

BULANYDJAN Dorothy Djukulul, born 1942, *Karritjar: Water Python*, ochre on paper 70 x 99.5 cm

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LOOK UP
Images of the water python's opalescent sheen.

DID YOU KNOW?
BULANYDJAN Dorothy Djukulul lives in Ramingining, Central Arnhem Land and paints sacred designs and religious stories. Here, she paints Karritjar the water python. His body is smooth olive-brown and without pattern but Karritjar's skin has an opalescent sheen and in the sun he shimmers all the colours of the rainbow.

This artwork was exhibited in the exhibition
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artworks by 45 Aboriginal artists from 32 language groups across Australia from the Maitland Regional Art Gallery Collection
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DID YOU KNOW?
Karritjar, the water python, is Australia's most aquatic python.

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MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED

- Cardboard Roll (empty toilet paper or paper towel roll)
- Rainbow coloured yarn
- Icy pole sticks
- Masking tape

HAVE FUN!

STEP 1 Place your 5 icy pole sticks around the outside of your toilet paper roll, making sure they are evenly spaced and about 2.5cm of the stick is sitting above the roll. Use a rubber band to hold them in place while you loop the masking tape around in two spots.

STEP 2 Drop the end of your yarn through the centre of the toilet paper roll, letting a 5cm tail hang below the bottom of the roll. Keep a gentle hold on this tail as you loop the yarn around the top of each of the icy pole sticks.

STEP 3 Next, take the yarn and loop it around the outside of the icy pole sticks just above the first loops you made.

STEP 4 Take the bottom loop and carefully pull it up and over the second strand of yarn and over the top of the icy pole stick.

STEP 5 Repeat these steps for as many rounds as you'd like! It should start to look like a spider web inside the roll.

STEP 6 When your Water Python is the length that you are looking for, get an adult to help you cut a yarn tail and weave it through each loop then secure with a knot.

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