



TAKE AN ART MAKING JOURNEY

Who made it?

This project is inspired by the painting pictured above, by artist Te Marunui Hotene. The painting is called *Poutama* and can be found in the stairway at Tauranga Art Gallery. Te Marunui's painting represents his journey of healing. In this journey he uses layers of Māori pattern, shapes, vibrant colours and words to explore his Māoritanga (Māori culture). Let's go on our own art making journey!!

What you will need:

-  A cereal box, long paper or card
-  Paint or different wet media mixtures*
-  2 – 3 fun tools to apply paint e.g. a sponge, toy car or piece of card*
-  Drawing materials e.g. felts, coloured pencils, highlighters, pens or twink*
-  Crayons or oil pastels
You can skip this step if you don't have these

* Check out our *At Home Materials* lists for more ideas!

Interesting fact!

Poutama refers to a Māori tukutuku pattern of the same name. The poutama pattern takes the shape of a staircase. Poutama means the special journey that you take upwards as you learn new things.

Get ready to make some art!

Step 1

Prepare your cereal box: cut down the side of your cereal box, unfold it and lay it out flat. If your box is large, cut it in half long ways (horizontally) to create a long format to draw and paint on. If you don't have a cereal box, you could use a long piece of paper or card.



Step 2

Take your materials on a journey: hold your crayons or oil pastels so that you can use the side of them to draw with. Take a line for a walk across your page, from left to right, using the side of your pastel or crayon. Use your whole arm and have fun moving along with your crayon or pastel, creating an interesting soft line. Repeat with different colours to fill your page.



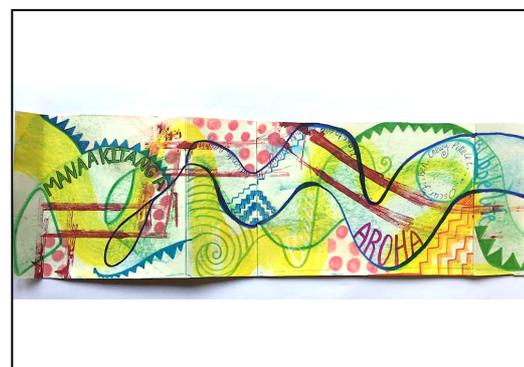
Step 3

Take paint on a journey with different tools: dip a sponge in paint and see what different types of lines and patterns you can make by pulling it across the page. See if you can create a poutama pattern or a move in a wiggly line. Next drive a toy car through another colour and across your page. Is it driving fast or slowly? Is the road windy, bumpy or smooth? When you have created some interesting lines and patterns leave your artwork to dry.



Step 4

To finish: draw and write into your artwork to tell your visual story! Use drawing materials such as felts to draw more lines and shapes into your artwork. Fill some of your shapes with colour or drawings of things you love. Add words to your artwork using your lines and shapes as a guide. Explore words that tell a story e.g. what's important to you, names of your friends and family, or how you feel. You could invite some of your whānau to add to your artwork and let it grow!



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