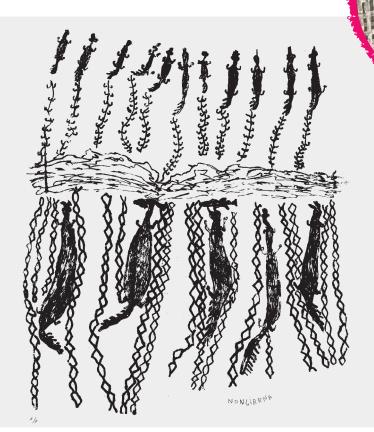
## **Artist Activities**

With Nongirrna Marawili



**Bäru** is an illustration and screen print by Nongirrna Marawili. In it, we see the children of the Bäru from the Gumatj and Madarrpa clans and their märi bringing them fish.

Bäru (crocodile)
märi (grandmothers)
Mundukul (lightning snake)
Djarrakpi (Cape Shield)
larrakitj (hollow memorial pole)
guya (fish)
miyapunu (turtles)
mäna (sharks)

Nongirrna Marawili (Madarrpa, Yithuwa) is one of many children of the famed leader and Madarrpa warrior Mundukul and Bulunguwuy. She was born on the beach at Darrpirra in 1938, north of Djarrakpi on the ocean side and grew up in a family of over fifty people.

Nongirrna is a highly respected senior in her community and a prolific artist. Her art practice includes bark paintings, <u>l</u>arrakitj, carvings, and prints on paper. To create her bark paintings, Nongirrna uses pigments from her Country as well as toner from used print toner cartridges, which appear in her paintings in shades from soft pinks to deep reds.



Nongirrna's family were wakir' - camping/ moving around. They went to Yilpara. They went to Djarrakpi. But their special place was Guwanarripa (Woodah Island). In a fleet of canoes, they travelled all the way to Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and back and forth from the mainland. They lived in this rich place surrounded by coral reefs.

When Nongirrna's family wanted to catch the wind, they would break off the branch of a tree and use that as the sail. Mums, babies, dogs and kids paddled in canoes by their husbands, brothers and fathers through tropical waters full of huge reptiles, mammals, guya, miyapunu and mäna.

If you were a sea creature, would you be a smooth Stripey Snapper? Is there someone in your family who's a strong crocodile type? Or maybe you know an otherworldly octopus with long silver tendrils?

## **Bottle Barramundi**



Use upcycled bottles and found objects to create a family of fish!

We're starting with Baliny (pronounced Balin) a barramundi which is a Yirritja being who moves from fresh to salt waters and changes from male to female. It is a friend of the crocodile and follows them around.

## Materials you will need:

- Soft plastic bottle
- Collage materials

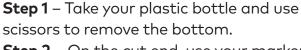
- Marker

- Scissors

- Tape







Step 2 - On the cut end, use your marker to draw a pattern and create a mouth. You could use a zig zag pattern to create teeth. Cut with scissors.

**Step 3** – Using the off-cut or found objects from your home, create unique features like a tail or fins and use tape to to keep in place.

**Step 4** – You're ready to decorate your fish with collage materials!







