

# **Young Changemakers: Thorncliffe PS Junior Artists**

## 2024-25 Art Projects



Koffler Arts and Recreate Place

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Students at Thorncliffe Park Public School worked with artists to explore how art can transform their spaces. They worked to create something meaningful for their school community. This book showcases their art projects.



Art can spark curiosity, ignite new ideas, and change a space in magical ways.



How does art make you feel?

# Fence Flock: Where Art Takes Wings

By students and artist Gosia Komorski







Students looked closely at nature's details and transformed them into colourful patterns on wooden birds. Each bird is unique – just like the students – and together they make a beautiful, diverse community.

Their artwork offers a welcoming invitation to their school.





What kind of fence art  
would you create?





# Once Upon A Cushion

By students and artists Janet Hinkle and  
Safna Mohammed Sahileen







Students reflected on what they enjoy most about their library space. They sketched their ideas and images, then embroidered them onto fabric, enhancing details with vibrant paints.

Their art was then sewn into cushions, now used by all students during library time.





What makes your library an important space for you and those around you?



# Geometric Jamming

By students and artist Roda Medhat



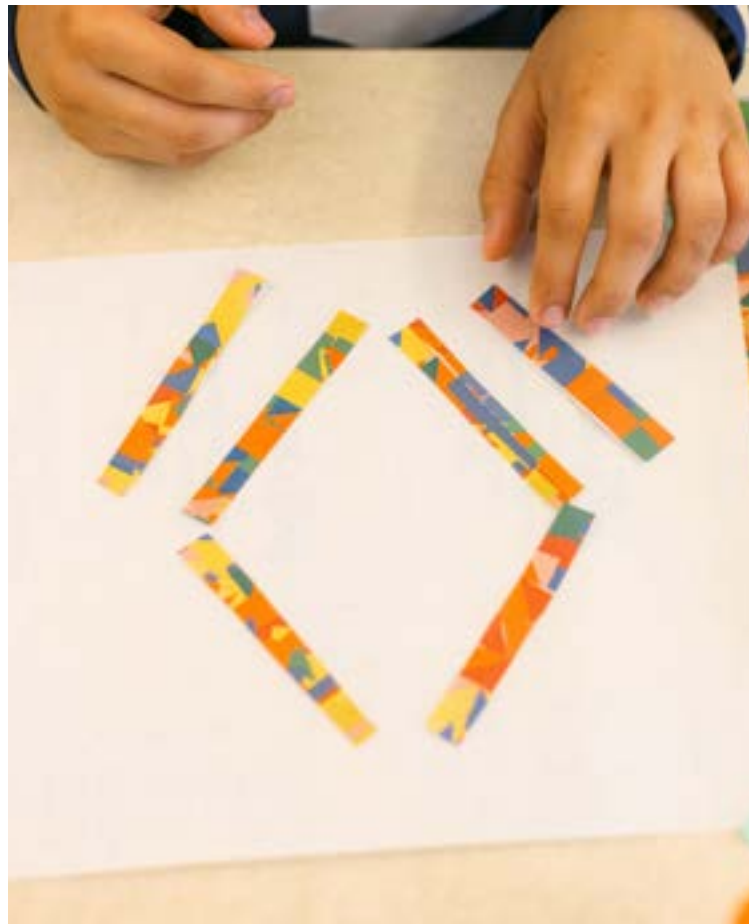






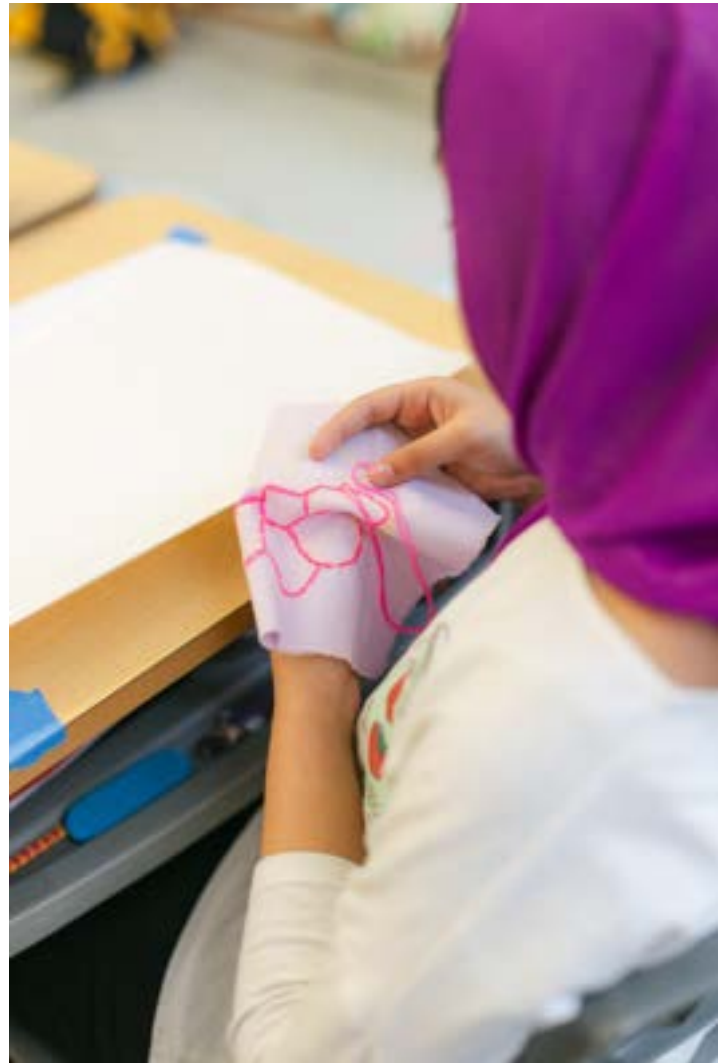
Students explored shapes, patterns and colours, creating a vibrant mosaic of their artwork. Their individual creations contributed to a larger class piece. Their art is a playful expression of individuality and shared connections.

Are there shapes and patterns in the world around you that you can include in your art?





You too can make art for everyone to enjoy.



What will you create?





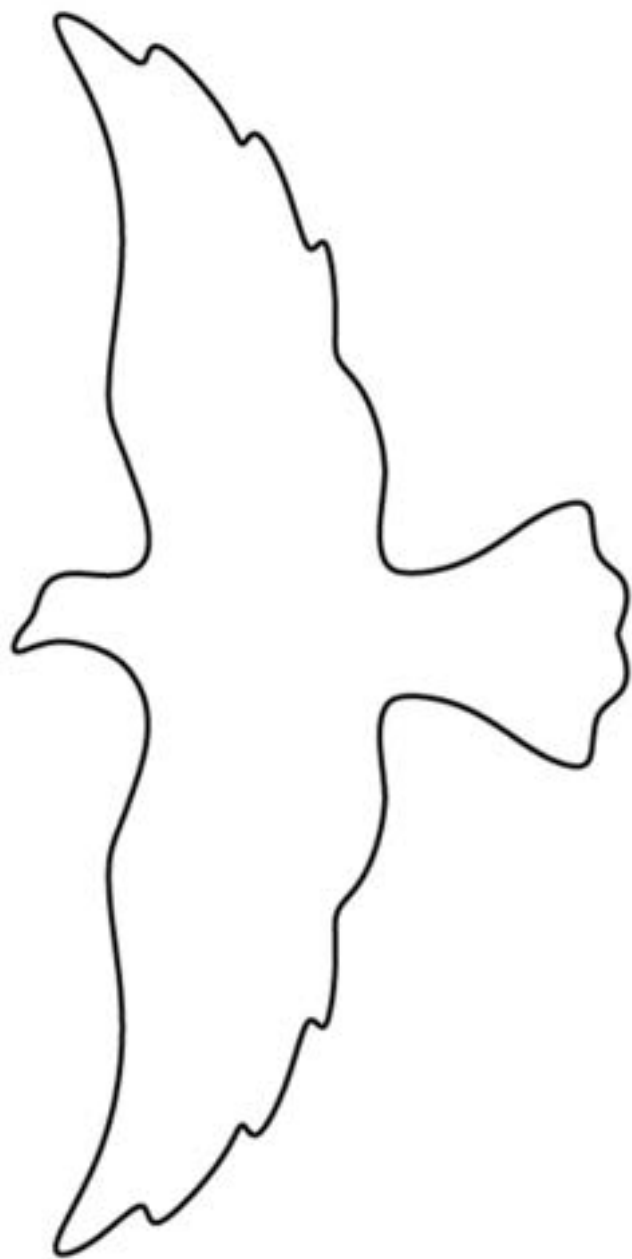
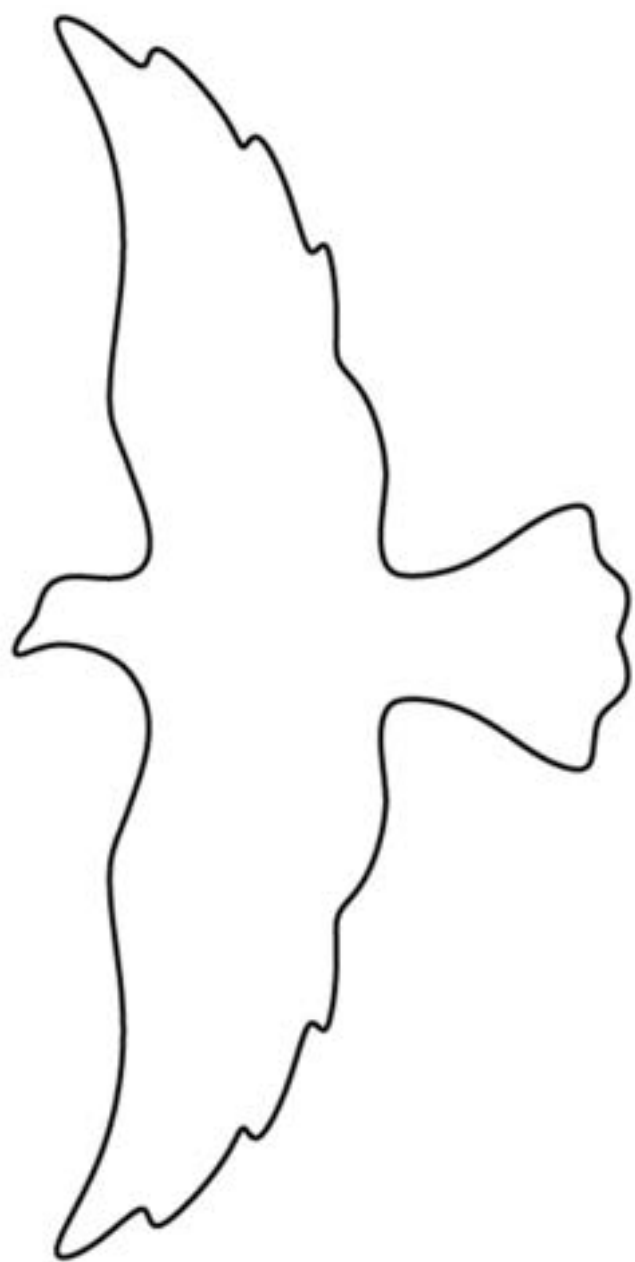
## Art Activity: Soaring Together

Have you ever gazed up at the sky and noticed a flock of birds flying together? Each bird is unique, yet when they are together in flight, they appear as a graceful, unified cloud of movement.

1. Close your eyes and imagine what this might look like.
2. Use the bird templates to create a design that reflects what brings you joy. Is it a person, animal, place, or activity? Draw, color, or collage your ideas.
3. Cut out your bird and stick it on the wall alongside your friends. Notice how each bird is unique and how together they form a beautiful flock.



Thank you to Janet Hinkle and Gosia Komorski for inspiring this project.





### **Ontario Trillium Foundation**

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### **Koffler Arts**

The Young Changemakers: Koffler Studio Arts Program (YCM) supports artistic growth for students resulting in the creation of art works in their school. This experience provides a unique opportunity for collaboration between artists, children, educators and community. We believe that equitable access to art can support children's overall wellbeing.

Koffler Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts organization that celebrates Jewish artistic voices within a diverse framework of pan-cultural contemporary expression. Our programming aims to stimulate questions and conversations through an offering of contemporary visual arts and human interest exhibitions, live performance, film and video, literary events and publications, accompanied by a robust program of artistic and educational engagement initiatives. [www.kofflerarts.org](http://www.kofflerarts.org)

### **Thorncliffe Park PS Team**

A heartfelt thank you to the students and teaching team at Thorncliffe Park PS for your enthusiasm, creativity and openness in bringing art to your school community.

### **Community Volunteers**

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### **Photography**

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## **Recreate Place**

Recreate Place designs child-friendly, age-appropriate experiences that centre the voices of children and youth in community art projects. As lead Program Designers and Facilitators with YCM, we're honored to work closely with students to help bring their ideas to life. [www.recreateplace.ca](http://www.recreateplace.ca)

## **Artists in Residence, 2024-25**

Gosia Komorski is a Polish-Canadian artist with a passion for visual storytelling. Gosia draws on inspiration from the people she meets and the natural world around her. Blending patterns and using vibrant, complementary colors, she creates a visual language that is both inclusive and relatable. [www.gosiakomorski.com](http://www.gosiakomorski.com)

Janet Hinkle is an interdisciplinary artist with a practice rooted in fine art and craft. With a fondness for mixing materials, she is driven to explore concepts involving identity. Pulling inspiration from both mid-century forms and futuristic design, her work manifests as installation, sculpture, gatherings, time-based media, and both human-food and human-flora interaction. [@janethinkle](https://www.instagram.com/janethinkle)

Fathima Safna Mohamed Sahileen is a hand embroidery artist based in Toronto's Thorncliffe Park, originally from Colombo, Sri Lanka. Inspired by her mother and her culture, she began stitching at a young age. A proud mother of three, she draws creative energy from her children and finds peace in her home studio, bringing her visions to life one thread at a time. [@hanalacreations](https://www.instagram.com/hanalacreations)

Roda Medhat is a multi-disciplinary Kurdish-Canadian artist. He designs public art sculptures to make art accessible to the masses, creating works of massive scale that are designed for spaces other than formal art institutions. [www.rodamedhat.com](http://www.rodamedhat.com)



