

Educational Indigenous Mats

“Light Blue”

Summertime Rainforest by Heather Kennedy

Summertime Rainforest is a delightful representation of colourful flowers and butterflies in a rainforest in summertime.

Heather Kennedy is from Victoria and is a well-known artist and a designer of fashion shoes. Heather loves vibrant colours. She likes to bring her work to life with layers and bright hues that catch the eye. Heather loves the process, the capturing of the feelings, the ideas and the stories. Through her art, she is able to find connections - to people, to the land, to herself.



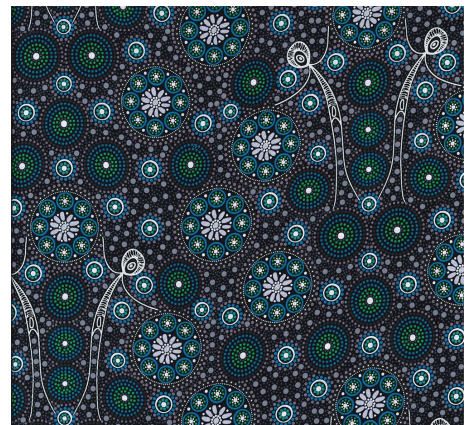
Gathering Bush Tucker by Gloria Doolan

Gloria is an excellent artist. Her works are attractive, meaningful and very soothing.

Although Central Australia is a desert with little rainfall during the year, it still has trees and desert vegetation of unique varieties. It is the home of the Spinifex grass land, various kinds of desert flowers, animals and many other natural gifts.

Little rainfall in summer or winter makes these areas happy. You can observe colourful flowers laughing in the whole area. It is hard to believe that you are in the desert. Acacia, wild orange, rock, wild passion fruit etc are laughing to welcome you.

Gloria uses the natural gifts for her artwork. She depicts the varieties of bush tucker meticulously.



Kingfisher Camp By River by Nambooka

Kingfisher bird is the laughing Kookaburra of Australia, which lives in dry and fishless scrubland. It is sometimes called as “laughing jackass” because of its loud raucous cackle.

The Australian Kookaburra is the largest member in the family. The bird is known for its wild laughing call and the noisy inhabitant of outback, open forest and the woodland.

Kookaburra is not a fish eater, it usually prefers to eat large insects, nestling birds, rodents etc. Young chicks of kookaburras stay with their parents for several years, before setting out to breed themselves.

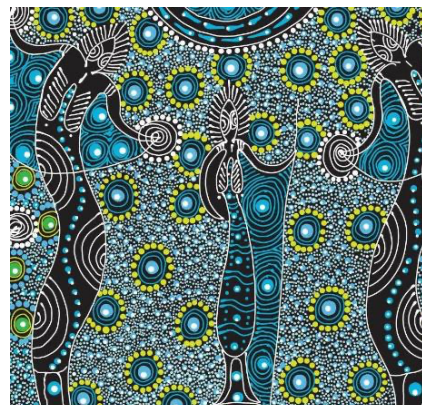


According to Nambooka, the kingfisher teaches us about alertness and opportunity. We must first look and then decide if it is the right choices for us to benefit our lives. Nambooka’s design work is bold, colourful and attractive.

Dancing Spirit by Colleen Wallace

Dancing Spirit represents the sacred dance of ancient Aboriginal ancestors since the time of creation. When dancing, these aboriginal spirits pay their respects to Mother Earth, expressing their love and admiration for the sacred land.

Colleen Wallace Nungari is an Arrernte artist who began painting in the 1990s. Colleen is a self-taught artist who comes from a strong family tradition of Eastern Arrernte painters, including Therese Wallace (Colleen's mother) and Gabriella Wallace (Colleen's aunt). Colleen was raised by her stepmother, the artist Kathleen Wallace, at Santa Teresa and Alice Springs.



Colleen is noted for her precise dot design and vibrant use of colour in her paintings, in particular her *Dreamtime Sisters* story.

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