

# art card.

A Finer Grain



**age group.** early primary school (4-8 years)

**about.** Frances Burke was an Australian artist working in textile design and printing. Frances co-founded Burway Prints, one of Australia's earliest registered textile screen printeries. Her textile designs were often inspired by Australian flora and fauna, and the sea.

**look.** take a look at your everyday natural surroundings. This could be plants inside your house, trees in your backyard, or you could even take inspiration from researching photos of the greater outdoors on a screen-device, or in books.

**what did you find?** List three things below.

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**make.** design your own pattern taking inspiration from some of the shapes you have found and using the tools listed.

## Dr Frances BURKE

– Burway Prints Melbourne

*Waratah designs.* c. 1955

screenprint on paper

Shepparton Art Museum collection.

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### You will need:

- three potatoes or sponges
- a knife
- paint or water with dye
- paper or fabric
- pencil
- the help of a responsible adult

### Steps:

1. Based on your findings draw two or three simple shapes on a piece of paper.
2. Place them together in a possible pattern.
3. Transfer the pattern onto a potato or sponge using the pencil to push through the paper.
4. Ask your parent or guardian to help you cut around the shapes on your potato or sponge.
5. Stamp your potato or sponge onto your piece of paper or fabric. repeat so you form a pattern!
6. Hang out to dry in the sun.

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