



# A CREATIVE PROJECT

Whakarongo mai, titiro mai, e tū!  
Ka tāea e koe kia rongonā i te hā o Tāne?

Listen here, look here, stand up!  
Can you feel the breath of Tāne?

The ngahere (forest, ecosystem) is a space of healing, contemplation and joy, and is where artist Charlotte Graham finds inspiration. Connecting with the ngahere reminds us of how we all breathe and live together on this planet as tamariki of Tāne.

Inspired by our Creative Learning Centre exhibition, *Te Hā o Te Wao Nui a Tāne* by artist Charlotte Graham, enjoy the world of Tāne from the comforts of your home or local park.

In this activity sheet, we show you how to make your own korowai (cloak) of Tāne to have at home.

Attach it to your front door, your fridge or family noticeboard as a reminder of how our environment can keep us safe and the importance of the world around us when we can't venture far from home.

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## Protective Korowai Home Activity



### Materials

Crayons

Pieces of baking paper, cut into  
10 cm-wide strips

Recycled cardboard (from a  
cereal box or similar), cut into a  
shape (such as a heart, a circle,  
oval or square – or something  
more complex, like a house, a  
person or a bird)

Glue stick or cello tape

### Instructions:

- 1 Take a piece of paper and a crayon and find an outside surface with texture – a tree trunk, a concrete step or footpath, a leaf, a fence panel. . . Look, listen, feel: can you hear manu (birds) calling to each other? What creatures can you hear? How are the trees and plants moving underneath the sky?
- 2 Make a rubbing of your surface, being careful to stay on the paper and not go off the edge.
- 3 Repeat, using a different surface, and maybe change colours of crayon until you feel you have enough rubbings.
- 4 Attach your paper rubbings to your cardboard base using glue or cello tape. Create layers like a bird's feathers, and think about colours and what surfaces look good together. Put your creation in a place that you can see often. This protective korowai is a reminder of the importance of the world around us.



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