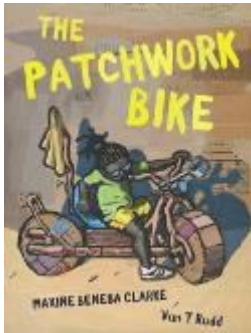


# TO DO: ALL AGES HOLIDAY FUN!

## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Explore and enjoy these wonderful stories of other places and other cultures.

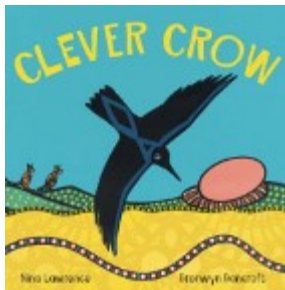
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**READ:** *The Patchwork Bike* by Maxine Beneba Clarke

Illus. Van T Rudd, Pub. Hachette & Read by Zahra Newman

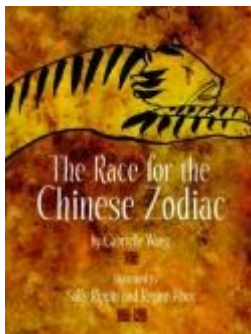
*When you live in a village at the edge of the No-Go Desert, you need to make your own fun. That's when you and your brothers get inventive and build a bike from scratch, using everyday items like an old milk pot (maybe mum is still using it, maybe not) and a used flour sack. You can even make a numberplate from bark, if you want. The end result is a spectacular bike, perfect for going bumpity-bump over sandhills, past your fed-up mum and right through your mud-for-walls home. **All Ages***



**READ:** *Clever Crow* by Nina Lawrance

Illus. Bronwyn Bancroft, Pub. Magabala Books & Read by Richard Green

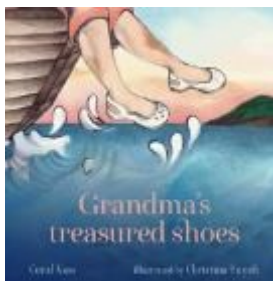
*Once there was a very hungry crow. He searched in the trees and in the grass, but he couldn't find any food. Then he saw some people at a ceremony. The young men were dancing, and their mother was making a fire to cook a turtle egg. **All Ages***



**READ:** *The Race for the Chinese Zodiac* by Gabrielle Wang

Illus. Sally Rippon, Pub. Walker Books Australia & Read by Valanga Khoza

*The Race for the Chinese Zodiac tells the tale of the Chinese New Year's Zodiac and how it came to be when the Jade Emperor of China held a great race between the animals. Thirteen animals competed for twelve places on the Zodiac. But who came first? And who missed out? And did you know that the Rat and the Cat were once great friends? **All Ages***



**READ:** *Grandma's Treasured Shoes* by Coral Vass

Illus. Christina Huynh, Pub. National Library of Australia & Read by Van Luu & Enya Lucas

*Grandma has oodles and oodles of shoes. Walking shoes, dancing shoes, fancy and plain, Grandma has a shoe for every occasion. So why are these scratched and dusty old ones so special? **Ages 5+***



**EXPLORE:** International Children's Digital Library

Free access to children's online picture books in lots of languages including: Arabic, Chinese, Croatian, Hindi, Italian, Spanish and Urdu.

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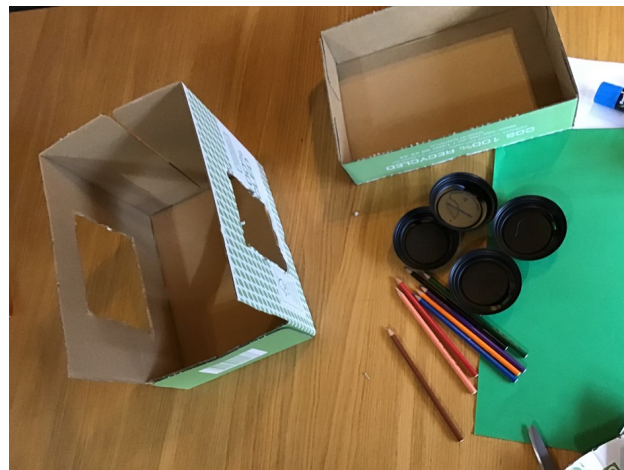
# HOW TO: ALL AGES HOLIDAY FUN!

## CARDBOARD CAR

Enjoy reading *The Patchwork Bike* and then make your own car out of recycled materials, just like the bike in this story!



**RESOURCES:** Cardboard box, scissors, sticky tape, glue, coffee cup or jar lids, pencils, texas, crayons and other recycled materials to decorate.



**STEP 1:** Use a pencil to draw windows and a front windscreen on your box.



**STEP 2:** Cut out the windows (ask for an adult to help if you need to). Is it looking like a car yet?



**STEP 3:** Next we needs wheels! Attach the lids on each side of the box with tape. Draw or cut out a steering wheel and some headlights lights for your car.



**STEP 4:** Find a driver! Teddy fits well in this car. Who will drive yours?



**STEP 5:** Time to go for a drive! Will it go *shickety shake*, *winkety wonk* and *bumpety bump* just like the patchwork bike in our story?

# HOW TO: ALL AGES HOLIDAY FUN!

## WIND CHARM

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Enjoy reading *Clever Crow* and then make your own wind charm from found objects and feathers.

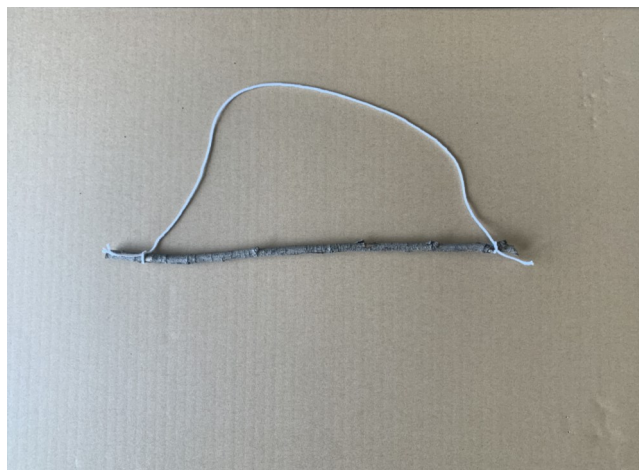
Will it float through the breeze like *Clever Crow*?



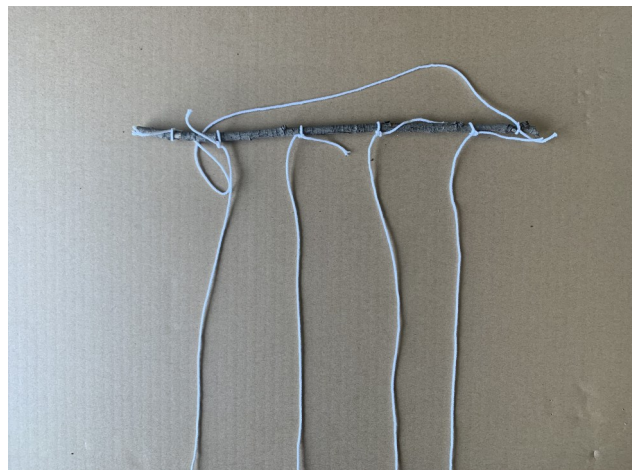
**RESOURCES:** A stick, string (or wool), scissors, feathers, any other shiny, noisy, or fun crafty bits and pieces you can find in your house or garden!



**STEP 1:** Cut five bits of string (or wool) roughly the same length.



**STEP 2:** Tie one piece to either end of your stick. Make sure your knots are nice and strong!



**STEP 3:** Tie the other four pieces to your stick so that they hang down.



**STEP 4:** Attach your bits and pieces by threading or tying them on to the bits of string (or wool). Make sure you tie tight knots again!



**STEP 5:** Hang your wind charm in a tree in your garden. Does it float and fly like *Clever Crow*?

# HOW TO: ALL AGES HOLIDAY FUN!

## PAPER PLATE MASKS

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Enjoy reading *The Race for the Zodiac* and then make your own animal masks out of paper plates. Race your friends to see who wins!



**RESOURCES:** Paper plates, coloured scrap paper, glue, scissors, paper straw or stick, tape, a sharp pencil (or skewer), pencils, textas or crayons and any other crafty materials to decorate.



**STEP 1:** Choose an animal from *The Race for the Zodiac* story and decide what colours you will need.



**STEP 2:** Snip or tear bits of paper in the colours you will need for your animal. Use the pencil (or skewer) to make holes for the eyes (ask an adult for help if you need to).



**STEP 3:** Cover the plate with bits of coloured paper using glue. Cut out other bits of paper and use them to decorate your animal.



**STEP 4:** Use tape to attach a paper straw or stick to the back of your mask. You can use this to hold the mask in front of your face! Roar!



**STEP 5:** You can make lots of different animals. It is now time to race your friends! Who will win *your* race for the Zodiac?

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## STORY SCROLL

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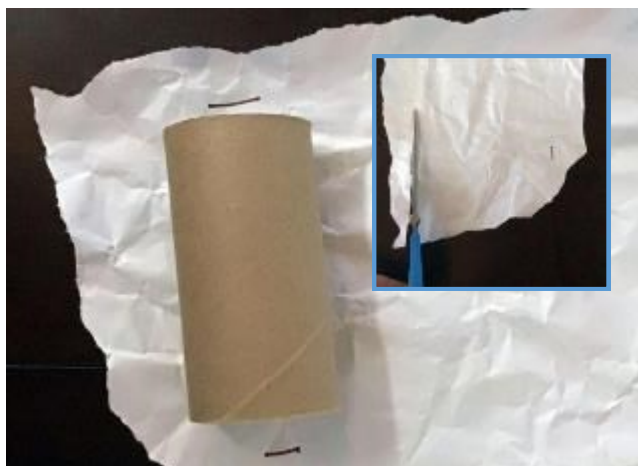
Tell your own family story and keep it safe just like *Grandma's Treasured Shoes*.



**RESOURCES:** Old wrapping paper, cardboard tube, scissors, glue or tape, plain paper, pencils, textas or crayons and other crafty things to decorate your scroll with.



**STEP 1:** Draw or write your family story on a plain piece of paper and decorate using coloured pencils and textas.



**STEP 2:** Cover your scroll using wrapping paper. Measure and cut using scissors and secure in place with glue or masking tape.



**STEP 3:** Decorate your scroll using any crafty bits and pieces you have at home.



**STEP 4:** Roll your family story up into a tube shape and place inside your scroll.



**STEP 5:** You know have a special scroll to keep your treasured family story safe for years to come!