

JAMILAH HAJI

HAPPINESS AND WISHES



About the Artist

Jamilah Haji is an artist from Narathiwat, a southern province of Thailand. As a child, Jamilah practised sewing with her mother and her neighbours. Today, she uses a needle and thread to create artworks on fabric through a technique called embroidery.

As a person with a hand difference, Jamilah is passionate about providing creative opportunities for people with disability.

In her work, the artist often collaborates with children with disability, incorporating their drawings into her embroidery pieces.

As part of APT10 Kids, Jamilah would like children of all abilities to think about what makes them happy and what they wish for.

Left: Jamilah Haji (Self-portrait) / Image courtesy: The artist
Right: Jamilah Haji / *Test and beauty of life* (detail) 2020 / Embroidery / © Jamilah Haji / Image courtesy: The artist

CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

DRAW

- * Draw a picture of something that makes you happy
- * If you could make one wish, what would it be? Draw your wish

PERFORM

- * Perform a dance (or a gesture) that expresses a wish you have for the future
- * Sing a song that makes you happy

WRITE

- * Write a story or a poem about something that makes you happy
- * What do you wish for? Write a story where your wish comes true

LISTEN

- * Compile a playlist of songs that make you happy

CREATE

- * Use playdough or clay to create a shape that represents happiness to you