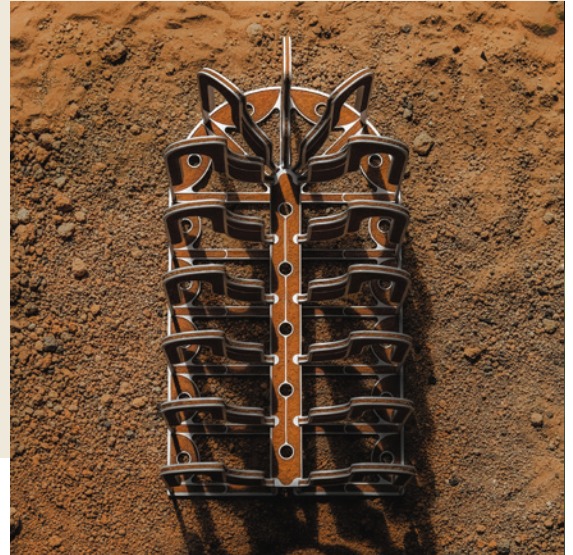


## WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

“Shadows of the Earth” is a creation by Pamela Tan, an artist who uses her work to explore themes of cultural diversity and connection to nature. Her installations, “Tatu” and “Soil Specimen,” utilise materials like laser-cut steel and soil to weave together the stories of Malaysia’s main ethnic groups and mythical earth creatures. These pieces not only transform physical spaces with intricate light and shadow play but also invite viewers to reflect on identity and unity. In this project, Pamela encourages young artists to explore these concepts through their own hands-on art making.



## GET CREATING!

It’s always a wonderful opportunity to step outside, gather ideas and materials, and start thinking about your own creation. “Shadows of the Earth” is more than just an art project; it’s a gateway to understanding the world beneath our feet and the stories we carry in our hearts. Using simple tools like embroidery hoops, tracing paper, and garden soil, this activity encourages you to explore the art of storytelling through shadows. Craft your unique tribal patterns or personal symbols, and watch as they come to life in the light, telling tales of where you come from and who you aspire to be.

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Embroidery hoop
- Tracing paper/  
Organza fabric
- Soil
- Sieve
- Container
- PVA Glue
- String/Rope

# STEP BY STEP

1. **Collect the Soil:** Begin by collecting soil from a garden/park.
2. **Filter the Soil:** Use a sieve to remove the larger pieces and keep the fine soil in a container.
3. **Trace the Hoop:** we only need the inner part of the embroidery hoop to act as a frame for our artwork. Use a pencil to trace the outline of the embroidery hoop frame onto paper. This marks the size of your artwork.
4. **Draw Your Pattern:** Freely draw your desired pattern within the traced outline on the tracing paper. you can also trace pattern from any artwork you want.
5. **Glue the Paper:** Glue the paper on to the embroidery hoop.
6. **Cut the Fabric:** Carefully cut the excess paper on the outside of the circle frame
7. **Apply Glue:** With a small paintbrush, apply glue to the areas of your pattern that you want to appear dark.
8. **Apply the Soil:** Gently sprinkle the sieved soil over the glued areas of your tracing paper or organza fabric and let it dry.
9. **Reveal the Pattern:** Once dry, shake off any excess soil from the tracing paper or organza fabric to reveal your finished soil art pattern.
10. **Attach the string and hang your artwork!**



## WANT MORE?

For those eager to dive deeper, consider exploring patterns and symbols that have personal significance or represent aspects of your own story. Start by sketching out designs that resonate with you – this could be a family crest, a favourite cartoon character, or a symbol that represents a personal milestone or trait. Experiment with using different soil or sand types to see how the textures and colours influence your design's final look and feel. Try creating a series of small panels, each representing a different facet of your identity or culture.