

KIDS' ACTIVITY PACK VIBRANT PERANAKANS

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Hello, I'm Gabby Malpas.

I'm an artist who is known for my colourful paintings of flowers and ceramics.

I'm a Chinese adoptee raised in NZ, which is why I have an English name. I live in Sydney with my husband, assorted guppies/tadpoles and a freshwater mussel called Kevin! When I left art school, I switched from pottery to painting and have been doing that ever since. Sometimes my art is put onto things like cards, cushion covers or dinner sets and I think it's so cool that people around the world get to enjoy my art in this way.

In this activity pack you'll find my series of colouring in templates based on the brightly coloured ceramics that you find in Singapore, Malaysia and other parts of SE Asia that were made by the Peranakans. Some of the drawings also include special food items that you might like to learn more about. There are 8 pictures in all – 8 is a lucky number in Chinese!

I hope you enjoy colouring them in as much as I did drawing them.

Gabby



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Gabby surrounded by lots of her brightly coloured artworks!

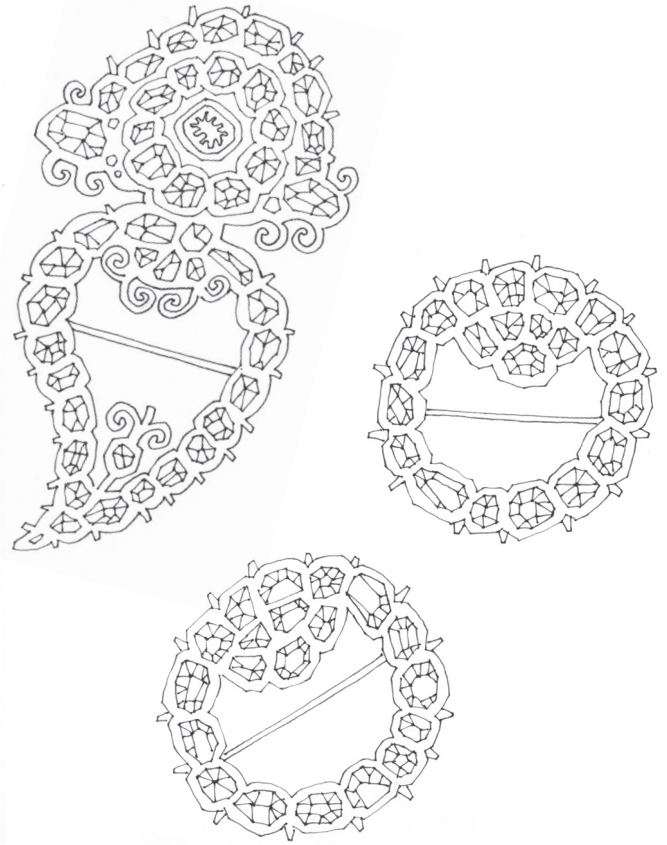
To browse Gabby's work visit
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ABOUT THE PERANAKANS

Peranakan means 'local born'. Chinese settlers and other races who made their homes in various parts of South East Asia adopted many aspects of local Malay culture while retaining some of their own in a hybrid fusion. Over time many Peranakan Chinese became wealthy and so furnished their homes with beautiful art and homewares. They were known for their love of colour and pattern and some of their items can still be seen and bought today in Singapore and Malaysia. I have been fascinated by Peranakan porcelain since I first saw it in Singapore many years ago – they were/are made in China but in bright colours rather than the blue and white style that is common in Chinese porcelain.



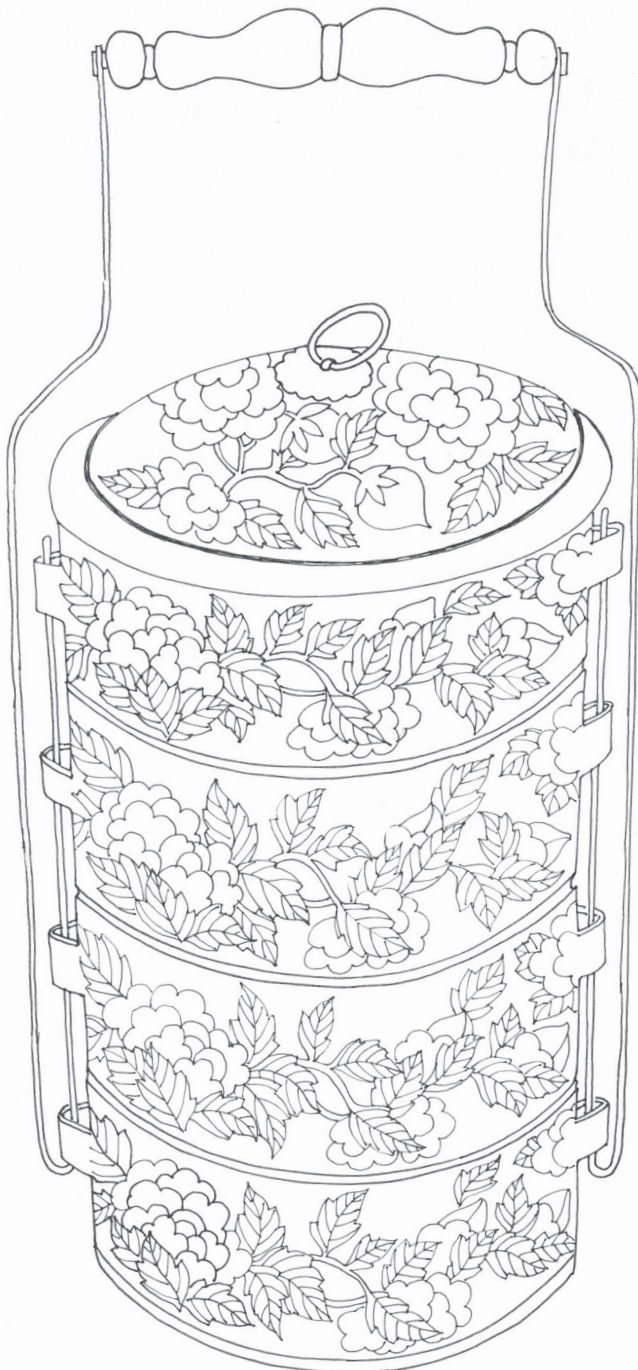
On this plate are two Peranakan sweets called **Ang Ku Kueh**. Traditionally they were red in colour but are now available in many bright colours. What colours will you make the desserts?



Look at all these amazing details! At the top of the page is a birdy sitting on a little storage pot called a **Chupu**, next to some **Kerosang** which are Peranakan brooches. Then on the right here is a **Kamcheng** which is another covered pot used for food. This design can be seen in the Peranakan Museum in Singapore.



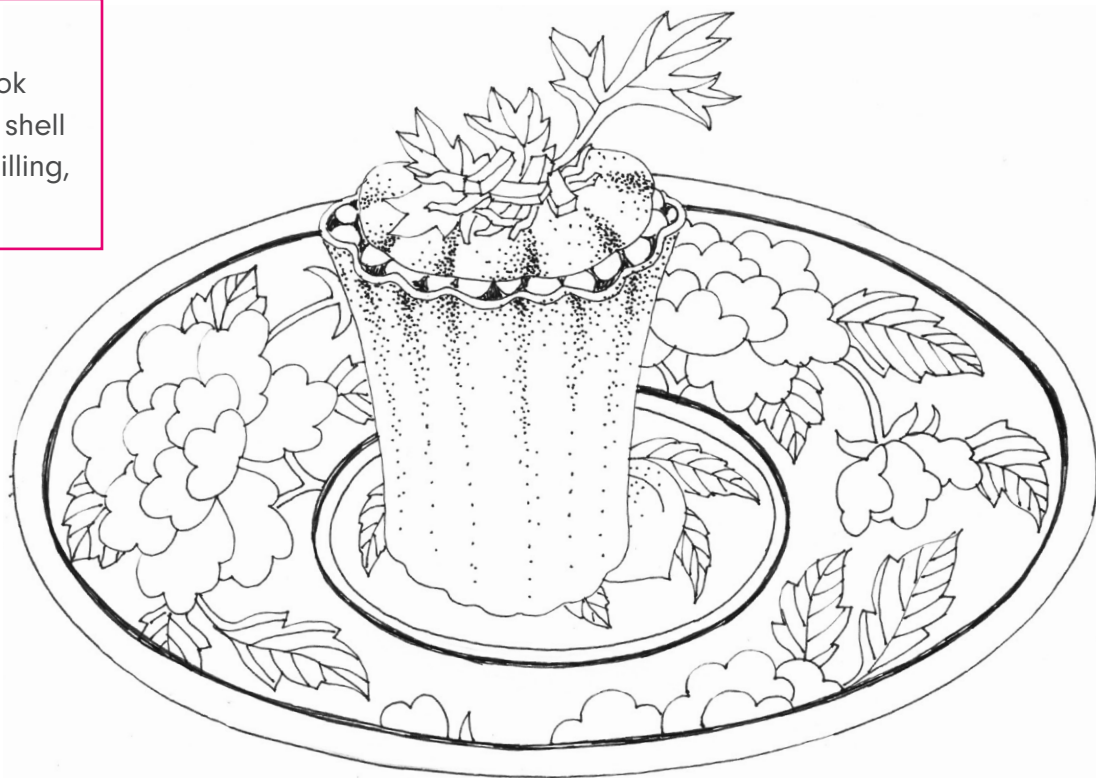
The **Peranakan teapot** on the right would typically hold hot tea, but here it is holding Camellias, a type of flower. The object below is a **Tiffin Carrier**, whose different compartments are used to carry food around in.



What colours will you make the orchids
in this beautiful **Kamcheng** pot?



Doesn't this Peranakan snack **Kueh pai tee** look delicious? It is a crispy shell with a savoury radish filling, topped with a shrimp.



MAKE YOUR OWN PERANAKAN TEALIGHT HOLDER

The colouring in templates on the next two pages, can easily be turned into a tealight holders. I created the design for Lunar New Year 2020, which is the Year of the Rat.

Once you have coloured the template in, ask an adult to help you cut it out and use the little strip of white space at the end to glue or tape the edges together, creating a tube tealight holder like the one pictured below.

For a translucent effect try rubbing the finished drawing with a little bit of vegetable oil.

Make sure you only use LED tealights for safety!



LION DANCE

In Chinese culture, the lion symbolises power, wisdom, and superiority. During Chinese New Year celebrations a lion dance is performed to bring prosperity and good luck for the upcoming year – it is one of the most important traditions at Chinese New Year. The lion dance is also a way to create a festive atmosphere and bring happiness.

The design below is called 'Lion Dance', it is my interpretation of a joyful, colourful and noisy lion dance, complete with a rat or two beating drums and dancing to the music.



YUM YUM PEACH BUM

The design below is called 'Yum yum peach bum'. Peaches are a good offering for Lunar New Year and this rat is enjoying one after helping himself from the offering bowl. It's a cheeky name but it's another reason I love peaches!

