







## introduction

**Learning Connections is a hands-on arts access program developed by Country Arts SA for regional South Australian school communities.**



Its broad objective is to encourage and support schools' access to touring art exhibitions and associated arts programs.

It offers teachers specific resources and strategies for using Country Arts SA exhibitions as curriculum resources to encourage meaningful and engaging encounters with art from the earliest years.

It is also an ARTSsmart project. ARTSsmart is a strategy for arts education in South Australian schools and preschools and is a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Children's Services and Arts SA. More information:

[www.artssmart.sa.edu.au](http://www.artssmart.sa.edu.au)

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**Downloads and other information:** [www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au). Click on *Learning Connections* on the front page and follow the Learning Connections menu

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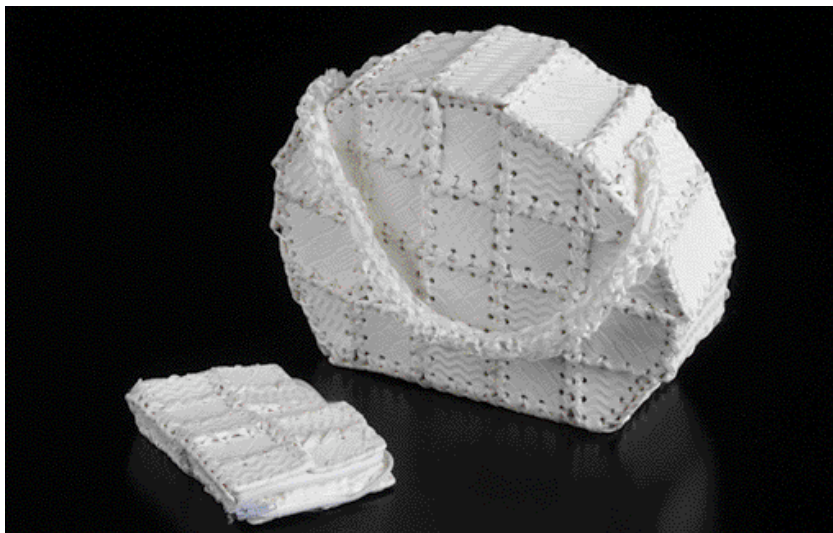
**ARTSsmart**  
a strategy for arts education  
in South Australian schools



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# Country Arts SA touring exhibitions a significant regional schools resource

TRACEY POSSER, NOT ANOTHER HANDBAG!, 2006, EARTHENWARE CLAY,  
SATIN GLAZE, FIBRON, SATIN AND SCREEN PRINTED IMAGES.



Country Arts SA tours around 12 exhibitions a year to regional South Australian galleries with around 8 new exhibitions each year. Some exhibitions tour for up to two years or longer.

The Learning Connections program represents an exciting and very real opportunity for communities to access outstanding contemporary art and design first hand and, through associated workshop programs, to gain insights into creative aspects of the visual arts.

It also shows how to use the visual arts as a catalyst for discussion and learning across multiple curriculum areas and topics, not just visual arts.

The program also provides points of entry to the visual arts for community members of all ages which have the potential to be life-altering.

For children and young adults considering pathways into adult life, direct access to highly imaginative and skillfully created artworks expands horizons and promotes life-long participation in the arts.

Country Arts SA recognises the key role played by teachers in introducing young people to the visual arts and that to make effective use of the touring exhibition program as a teaching and learning resource, teachers need particular support.

The Education Packs specially designed for three Country Arts SA touring exhibitions —*Burning Issues*, *Collectanea* and *SNAPSHOT* — are a tangible expression of this recognition.

Each Pack contains guidelines regarding the curriculum relevance of the exhibition, research data on key works, successful teaching strategies, research worksheets and art games.

The Packs and information about the Learning Connections exhibition program are available on the Country Arts SA website at

**[www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au)**



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