

# RAJAH STREET

## Themes

Routine

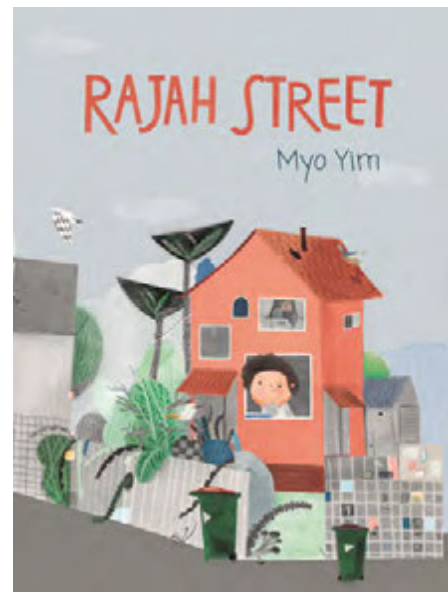
Imagination

Favourites

## Exploring the Story

Have the group examine Myo Yim's illustrations carefully. Myo has used many beautiful patterns, unusual colour schemes and lots of little details to create scenes that are busy and full of life. Discuss with the group how the use of pattern and colour can make the readers feel and think different things. Ask the group to take turns sharing how the illustrations make them feel or what they make them think of? Not everybody will feel the same way, discuss these differences and how important it is to listen to different interpretations of the same picture or story.

Ask the group what they think about using colours and patterns that are different to our usual expectations (i.e. the Kookaburra that has checked wings and pink tones is not what we might expect when we look at an illustration of a kookaburra.)



Do you think that these illustrations show us how people can view the world differently? Discuss with the group how this might be further demonstrated with the page showing a vertical illustration rather than the expected horizontal illustrations. Even the conversations between Junya and his mother demonstrate two differing perspectives on the same event.

When Junya sees the crocodile in the road, the animals around the bus and the surfers riding the waves do you think he is really seeing these things from his window? What do you think is happening? Do you ever find yourself seeing and imagining the world in different ways to other people?

## Activity

### Unexpected Kookaburra

Using the Kookaburra template provided, think outside your knowledge of what a kookaburra actually looks like and decorate yours in a way that others might not expect. You can use an unusual colour scheme and different patterns, you may even like to find papers or items to give your picture different textures as well.

To extend this activity, bring the group back together to view each finished artwork. Are there any that have similar colours? Are there any that have the same patterns? Are there any that are completely and utterly unlike any of the others in the group?

### Beautiful Rubbish

Junya sees a lot of interesting things as he is looking out his window waiting for the garbage truck to appear. Spend some time quiet time looking out the window and discuss as a group what you see. Are there birds, animals, people, vehicles, insects? You may even notice a tree or building that you've never paid much attention to before. Can you imagine what they are doing, where they are going, what they are thinking or feeling? Take turns imagining these things and share them with the group. Are there different theories, ideas and perspectives within the group?

### Window Watching

Junya sees a lot of interesting things as he is looking out his window waiting for the garbage truck to appear. Spend some time quiet time looking out the window and discuss as a group what you see. Are there birds, animals, people, vehicles, insects? You may even notice a tree or building that you've never paid much attention to before. Can you imagine what they are doing, where they are going, what they are thinking or feeling? Take turns imagining these things and share them with the group. Are there different theories, ideas and perspectives within the group?

### Favourite Things

Junya's favourite things are his Mummy, Daddy, little-bit-older brother, eggs and garbage trucks. Use the template to write about your favourite things.

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### Related Titles

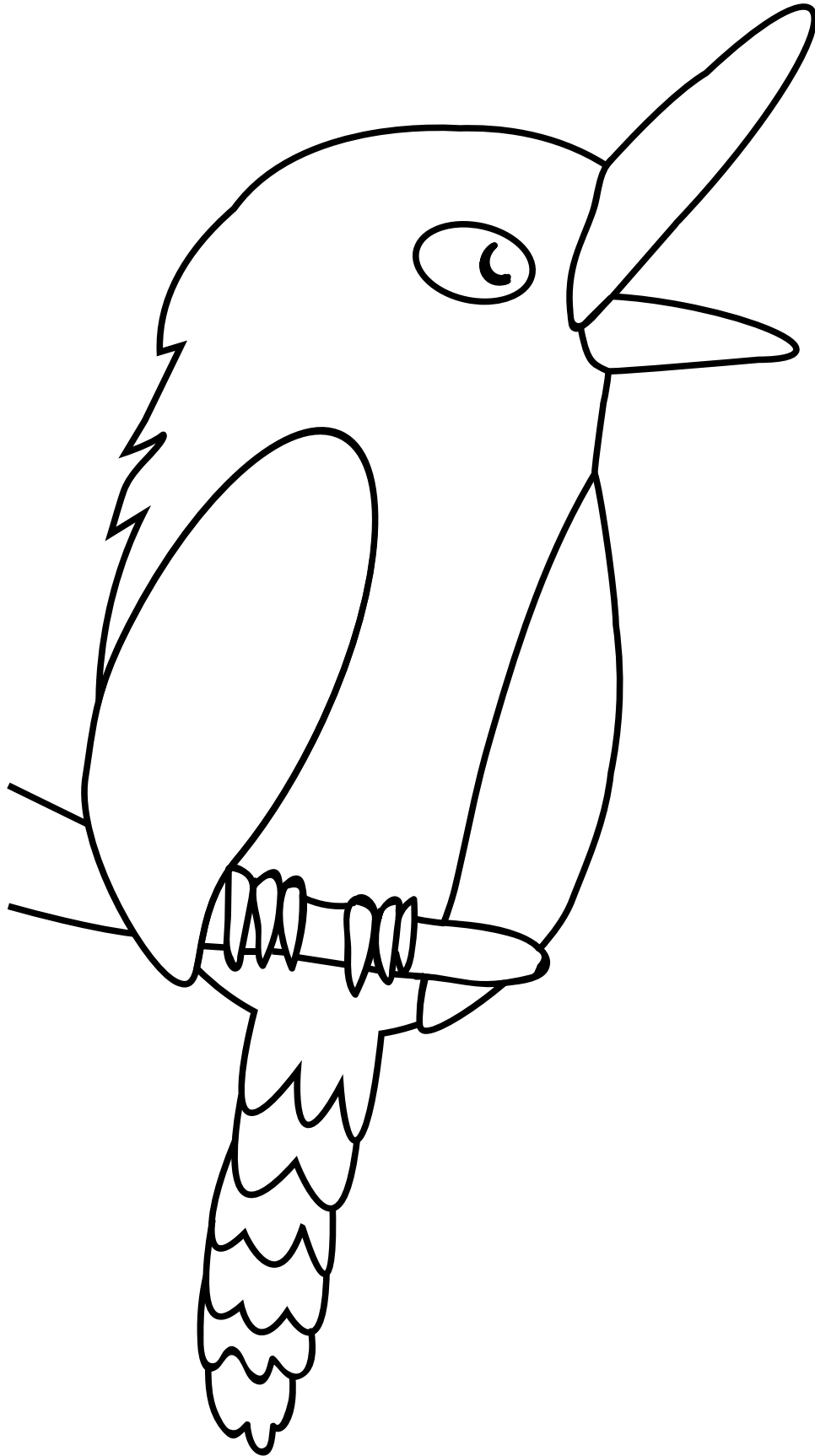


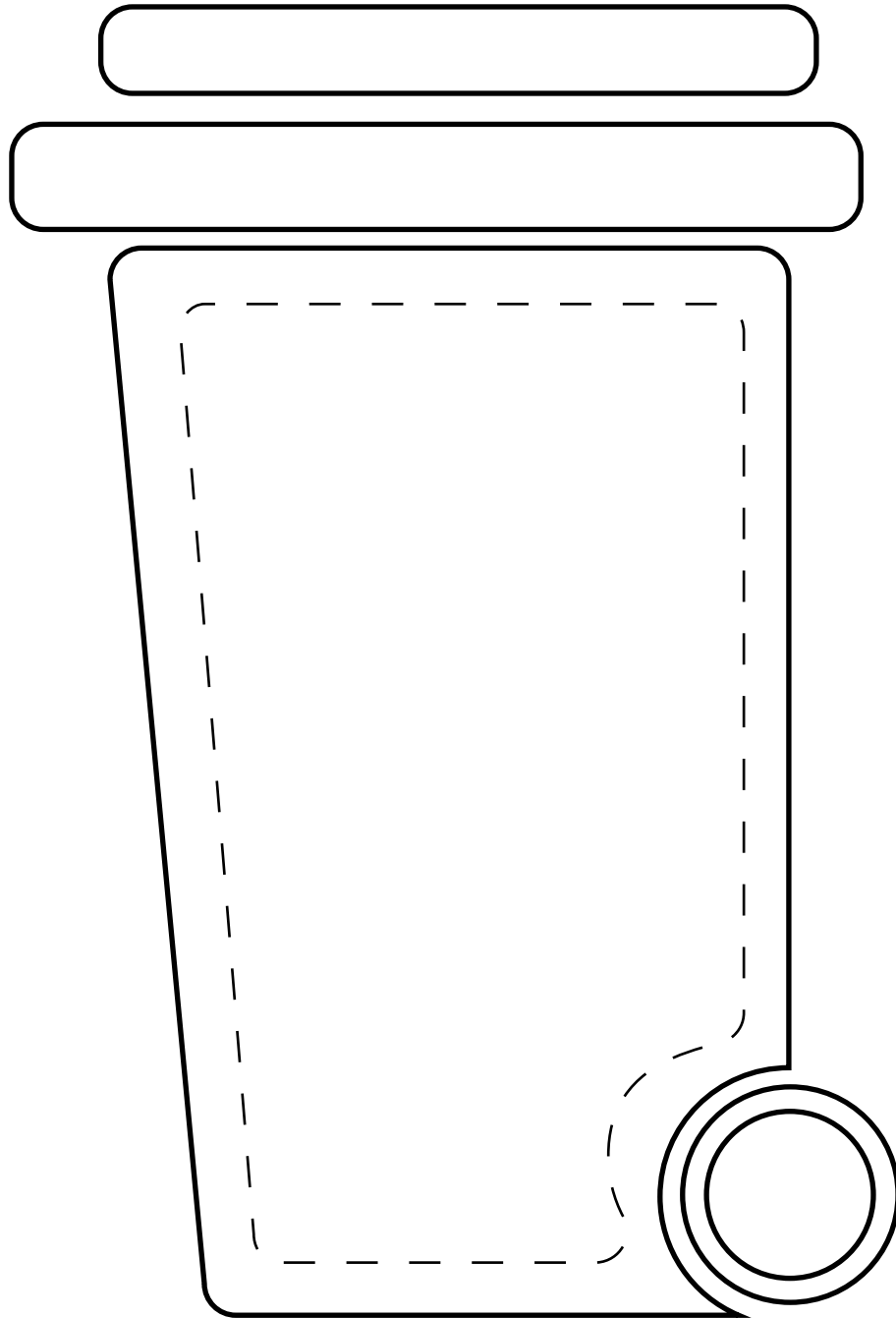
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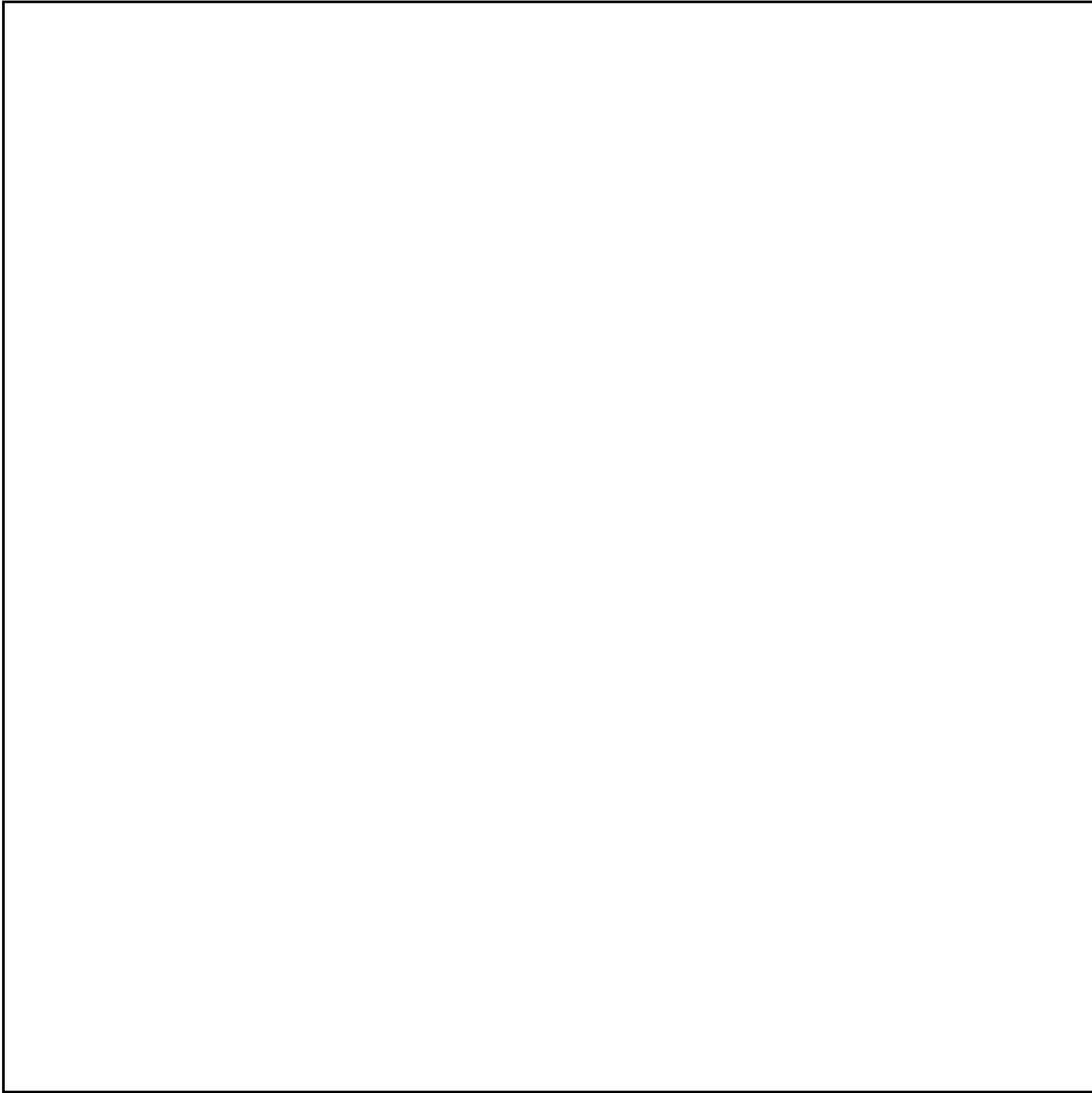






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## My Favourite Thing



My favourite thing is \_\_\_\_\_

It is my favourite because \_\_\_\_\_

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