

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T

Estimated duration: **20 mins** | Suggested level: **K2** (with parental guidance)

What your child will need:

- A print-out of this worksheet
- Colour pencils, marker pens, or other colouring materials

What your child will learn about:

- The alphabet
- Colours
- Camouflage
- *Singapore Idols – Army Boys* (2006) by Jing Quek



Part A [5 mins] | Activity Instructions:

In the activity on page 3, search for three letters hidden in the image. Use the letters and fill in the spaces below the image to form a complete word!

Discussion points:

Once you have completed the activity, discuss it together:

- How do you pronounce this word?
- Soldiers wear uniforms to blend in with their surroundings, just like the men in Jing Quek's *Singapore Idols – Army Boys*.
- They do this to camouflage with their environment, making it more difficult for attackers to spot them.
- What is camouflage?
It is a way of hiding something using patterns or colours similar to those in the surroundings.

Part B [15 mins] | Activity Instructions:

With the activity on page 4, trace over the second box to re-create a camo-print! Use your colouring material to design a new camouflage.

Discussion points:

Soldiers are trained to camouflage by painting on their face, or adding leaves and sticks to their uniform. Can you think of other ways to camouflage yourself in the jungle?

- Do you have clothing with camo-print, or perhaps an army uniform? Take turns to show and tell your camouflage clothing!

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DISCOVER THE ARTWORK

Now together, learn about the artwork that inspired this colouring activity!



ARTIST:
Jing Quek

ARTWORK TITLE:
Singapore Idols – Army Boys

YEAR COMPLETED:
2006



Singapore Idols – Army Boys can be found in the Singapore Art Museum's The Learning Gallery. Scan the QR code below and read page 8 to find out more.

- This activity is based on the artwork *Singapore Idols – Army Boys* by Singapore photographer Jing Quek.
- He takes many brightly-coloured photographs of people and places in Singapore that highlight the Singaporean identity.
- *Singapore Idols – Army Boys* is a photograph of soldiers carrying weapons. They are all wearing uniforms and have their faces painted in camouflage. They are posing in a confident manner and look prepared to face anything that is in their way.
- Name three colours that can be found on their uniforms. (Suggested answer: green, brown and black)
- The artist shows how these young men in the army are important to Singapore. Next time you pass by a soldier, remember that they are trained and ready to protect Singapore!

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PART A: HIDE AND SEEK IN THE FOREST!



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PART B: MAKE YOUR OWN CAMO-PRINT



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