



Manifold Books No.15

Kanga for the Present

Ada M. Patterson

March 5 – April 9

Location: Kraijenhoffstraat 34,
1018 RL Amsterdam ([MAP](#))

Please note: the entrance is located in the corridor *between* number 30 and 32

In Kanga for the Present Ada M. Patterson shows an ongoing series of *kanga*. A textile popular in East Africa, *kanga* always contain a saying and are given as gifts, during life-changing moments such as celebration or mourning. *Kanga* are often worn as a piece of clothing wrapped around the head, shoulders or waist.

In conversation with friends and loved ones living under climate crisis, Ada M. Patterson uses *kanga* to hold all the grief, joy and complication experienced by changing bodies in a changing world.

Just as a hurricane revolves around its eye and a rolling wave turns in and around itself, so do the minds and bodies of those wrapping themselves in *kanga*.

Following the contours of the attic space of Manifold Books, the artist displays the *kanga* as a canopy, offering shelter to any spiralling movements inside.

About Manifold Books:

Manifold Books is a platform that explores connections between art and books. With each exhibition a few titles are added to its book collection (all including artists' interventions). For further info, please refer to: www.manifoldbooks.nl.

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