

Kanga for the Present

Ada M. Patterson

Manifold Books #15

# Checklist

Venue: Manifold Books

Exhibition title: Kanga for the Present

Artist: Ada M. Patterson

Exhibition dates: March 5 – April 9, 2022

Opening: March 5, 4-6 pm

Location: Kraijenhoffstraat 34,  
1018 RL Amsterdam

Artworks on view

01. Ada M. Patterson – *Kanga for the Present*. From top left to right: *Kanga for the Present (WHOLETOWN)*, *Kanga for the Present (THEIR WHOLE WORLD IS TURNING)*, *Kanga for the Present (THE WHOLE WORLD IS TURNING)*, *Kanga for the Present (HORN OF PLENTY)*, *Kanga for the Present (A SAFE SPCE FOR RISK)*, *Kanga for the Present (THE ONLY WARMTH WE'LL KNOW)* and *Kanga for the Present (TOO FAR OUT)*.

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# Press release

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Ada M. Patterson  
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Opening hours: Thursdays and Fridays from 1-5 pm, or by appointment

*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](http://www.manifoldbooks.nl).

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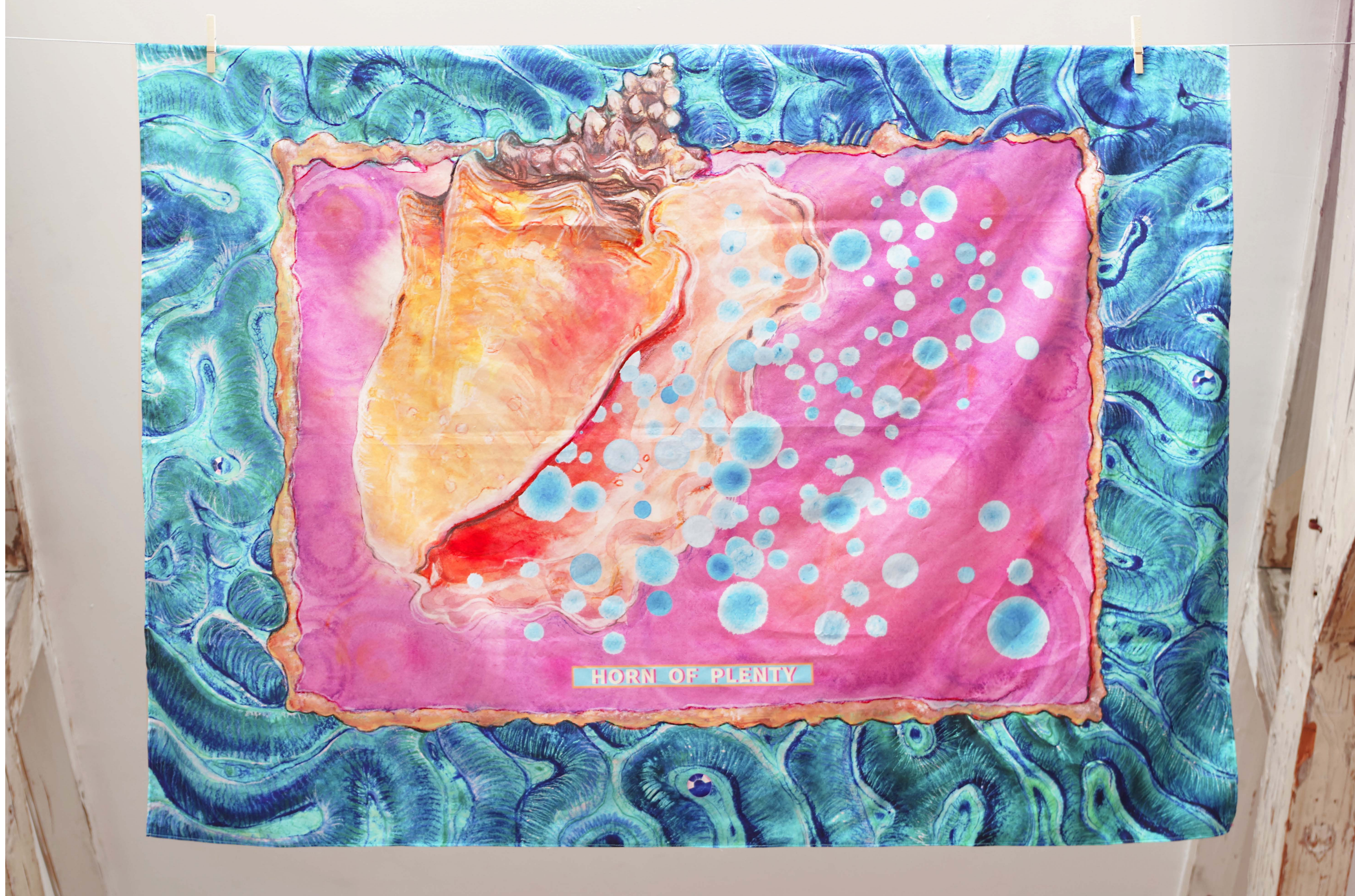
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