Art works are hiding in plain sight around Te Papa. Can you find them all?

More than 40 art works

Level 2 | Wellington foyer

Bill Culbert and Ralph Hotere stand in the centre of the circle of neon lights. Look up at the circle on the ceiling. You're inside an art work!

Level 4 | Passports

Purchased in 1992 with New Zealand Lottery Grants Board funds (1992-0022-1)

Imagine you and your family are leaving New Zealand for ever. What will you take? How will you dress to impress in your family selfie?

Level 3 | Blood Earth Fire | Whāngai Whenua Ahi Kā
Charles Blomfield, Among the Kauris, Waitakeres, 1884.

Purchased in 1944 (1944-0002-1)

I have never ceased to be thankful for two things. One is that I was born with an intense interest for the beautiful in Nature, and the other that I came to New Zealand before the hand of man had spoiled most of its natural beauty.

Charles Blomfield

Level 4 | Tangata o le Moana

Purchased in 1995 with New Zealand Lottery Grants Board funds (FE010516) © Reproduced courtesy of the artist, Michel Tuffery

Cans of corned beef are made in cattle-rearing countries like New Zealand. But the tinned meat is a vital part of Pacific life. This bull made of the cans stands staunchly in both worlds.

Level 4 | Tangata o le Moana

Purchased in 1993 with New Zealand Lottery Grants Board funds (B.026383)

How many men are in this photo, helping Samoan New Zealander Uli get a pe’a, or traditional thigh tattoo? Palagi (European) photographer Mark Adams moves in so close, it's hard to tell. He's become part of the ritual too.

Level 4 | Tangata o le Moana
Tepaeru Tereora, Tīvaevae (Quilt), 1980.

Purchased in 2002 (FE011717/1)

This elaborate tīvaevae tataura, or hand-embroidered appliqué quilt, was made in Wellington, but it radiates the vivid colours of the Cook Islands. Can you see the gold veins on the leaves?

Homai te pekapiki, a round of applause – you’ve completed the art trail!

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