

# ANIMAL FRIENDS

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Have you ever felt lonely? As a young woman, Indian artist Sona Bai Rajwar spent every day isolated at home, firstly alone and then looking after her son. To fill her days, she made small figurines of animals and people using clay and straw from her courtyard. She placed these bright, cheerful creatures throughout her house to keep her company!

Years later, the people in her village would often stop by to admire Sona Bai's home and see her wonderful creations. Sona Bai taught her son, Daroga Ram her style of art and today Daroga teaches other family members how to create art just like his mother's.

You can see more of Daroga Ram's art in *Transforming Worlds: Change and Tradition in Contemporary India*, located on Level 1, Asian Art galleries, NGV International.

Celebrate Indian Utsav Community Day at the NGV. Enjoy a day of art, dance, food and music plus free activities for kids. See [ngv.melbourne](http://ngv.melbourne)

This is a koti. Koti are containers for storing grain!



Daroga Ram  
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Draw some animal friends for a family member or a special person.

