



ARTIST
EMMA STENHOUSE

TITLE
LAYERS

REGION
NGARRINDJERI



Emma Stenhouse is a proud Ngarrindjeri woman and a contemporary indigenous artist on a journey of self discovery, deepening her connection with her family, exploring her heritage, and inspired by her love of Country. Emma encapsulates her knowledge in her storyworks formed by her deep relationship to land and guided by strong female role models in her community.

My heart is woven together, just like the stitches in my weave, all the black, white and grey and the shades in between. I have many layers as a woman, a mother, a wife and friend and everything is connected from my hand to my heart. The little willy wagtail the messenger bird, a constant reminder that there are two sides of the story to be told, threads woven together by those telling the tale.

I listen intently to those messages and I must unravel the weave and decide which thread to stitch into my life and which threads to discard, and so I stitch new layers and I continue to grow, weaving my own story.