

# WELCOME!

This guide has been created for you to read as you walk through the exhibition.

If you need any help, find someone with a **yellow badge**.

## Figure with Figure, 2019

In this new work, the artist is the main figure and she has included an African figurine in the background.

There is another picture of the artist with an African sculpture in the background.

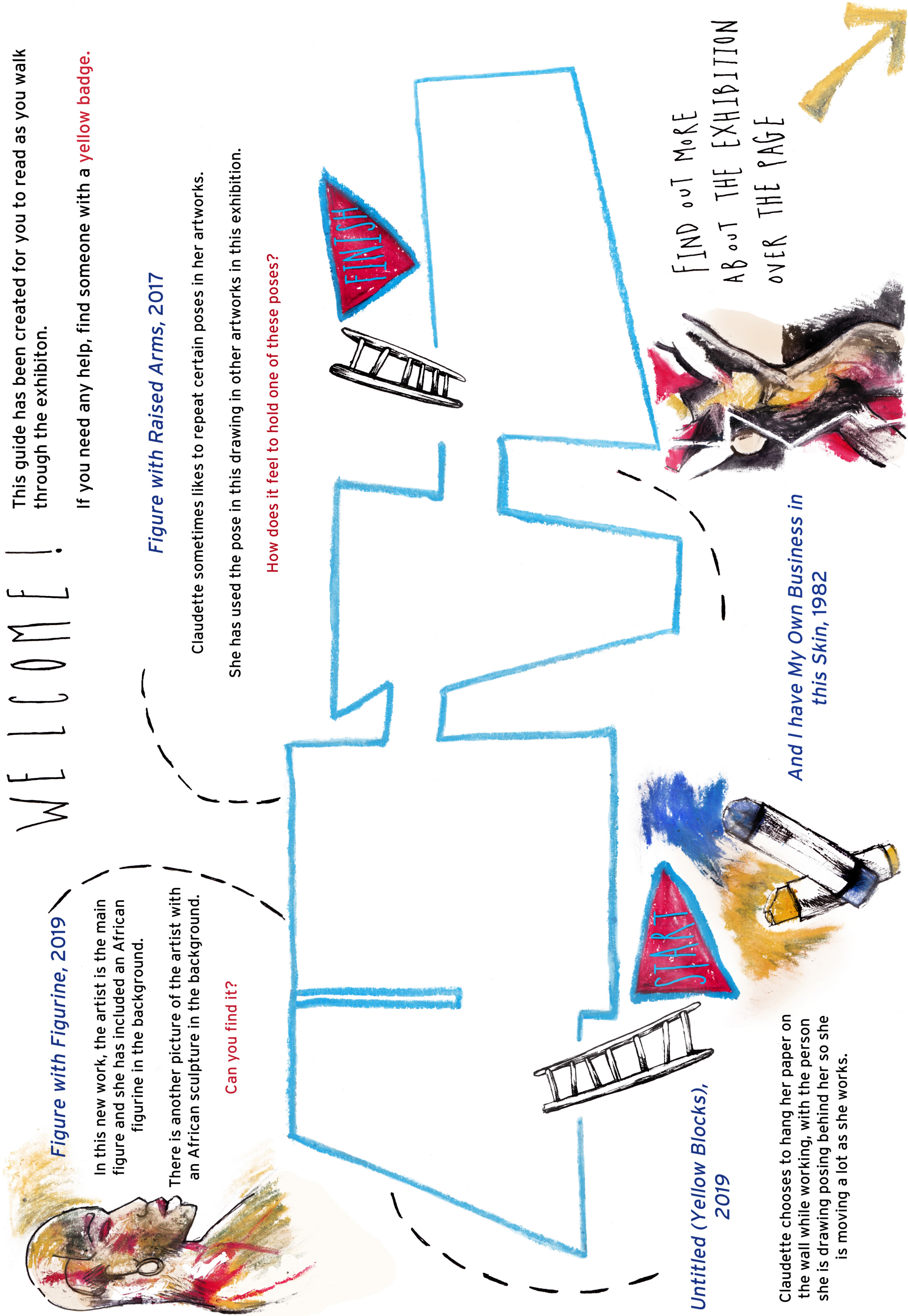
Can you find it?

## Figure with Raised Arms, 2017

Claudette sometimes likes to repeat certain poses in her artworks.

She has used the pose in this drawing in other artworks in this exhibition.

How does it feel to hold one of these poses?



## Untitled (Yellow Blocks), 2019

Claudette chooses to hang her paper on the wall while working, with the person she is drawing posing behind her so she is moving a lot as she works.

## And I have My Own Business in this Skin, 1982

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## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Claudette Johnson was born in Manchester in 1959, and now lives and works in London.

She makes very large artworks that show black women in Britain, using bold lines and colours to create expressive figure drawings.

A figure drawing is a drawing of a live model posing for the artist but can also be from photographs or the artist's imagination.

Claudette was part of an exciting group of black artists in the 1980's that supported each other to share their artwork and ideas.

## ABOUT THE ARTWORKS

Claudette draws her figures of black women larger than life, so that they take up all of the space on the paper in their own way.

When she's drawing, She uses her whole body stretching to create the marks and lines across the paper.

Have you ever used your whole body to create big marks on paper?

## DID YOU KNOW...?

## CAN YOU SEE...

Claudette uses different materials to create the beautiful textures in her artworks including pastels and paint.

Can you see where these materials have been used in the exhibition?  
Ask someone with a yellow badge to help you.

## MAKE YOUR OWN ARTWORK

Who would you choose to create your own figure drawing and how would you share their story?

How would you want them to look and pose?

Write some ideas here...

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Use your ideas to make your very own figure drawing in our Creative Space.

Look out for the giant canvas, where you can reach and stretch to create a larger than life artwork, just like Claudette.

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