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Kaleidoscope makeover for Customs House

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A TECHNICOLOUR dream coating has been applied to Customs House thanks to American artist Megan Geckler.

Geckler has woven together a cyclone of string art using more than 10km of ribbon to create a multistorey kaleidoscope at the historic building's atrium.

The display is for Art & About Sydney, the City of Sydney's program of temporary art in unusual places.

The rainbow showcase was created in Los Angeles using a 3-D CAD model of Customs House.



A million things that make your head spin at Customs House. Picture: Carly Earl



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Inspired by Aussie pop-culture, she's called it *A million things that make your head spin*, after a line in a pop song by Brisbane band The Jungle Giants.

Megan said she fell in love with Sydney while researching the project and one of her favourite experiences was seeing the flying foxes that come out at dusk.

"We don't have those in Los Angeles and I just loved watching them fly, so I set an alarm for 'Bat O'Clock' every day," she said.