

# The Rainbow Rabbits



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Whilst studying Fine Art at York St Johns University, I became involved with a project involving York Hospital. Along with two other students, I created an installation of artworks to be displayed in a courtyard within the hospital. It has been a great privilege to work along side members of the Art and Design Department and we thank them for their time and assistance throughout this project.

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In a bright green field, somewhere in York, there lived a family of common brown Rabbits. The rabbits lived very ordinary lives. They slept in their burrows, ate the grass and hid in the forest. However, there were two rabbits who weren't so ordinary.



They were both born with the most interesting coats, covered with all the colours of the rainbow, unlike their brown brothers and sisters. But the rainbow rabbits were not happy. They did not feel welcome in the burrow and the other rabbits were mean to them. So they decided to leave to find a new home.



The first place they came across was an old shed. It was dark and damp and there were spooky spider webs covering the walls. The rainbow rabbits did not like the old shed, so they left in search of somewhere else.



They soon found a bus shelter on the edge of a busy street. It was cold and noisy and there were too many people around. The rainbow rabbits did not like the bus shelter, so they left in search of somewhere else.



The third place they saw was a mysterious den underground. It was large and muddy and... oops! The den already belonged to a grumpy badger. The rainbow rabbits quickly left in search of somewhere else.



Just as the rainbow rabbits began to lose all hope of finding the perfect home, a kind nurse saw them sitting sadly at the side of the road. “Hello rabbits, shouldn’t you be at home? It’s dark and cold and very late.” She asked sweetly. The rabbits explained that they had searched all day but could not find the perfect place to live.



The Nurse smiled and told the rainbow rabbits that she could help them. She led them to the hospital where she worked and opened up a secret window in the wall. "Through here!" the nurse exclaimed, pointing through the window. The rainbow rabbits hopped through and were amazed by what they saw. The most beautiful courtyard filled with trees, grass and flowers. Perfect for rabbits!

The rainbow rabbits decided to live in the courtyard forever. They felt safe and welcome, and knew that they would always be looked after. They had finally found their perfect home.



The End

