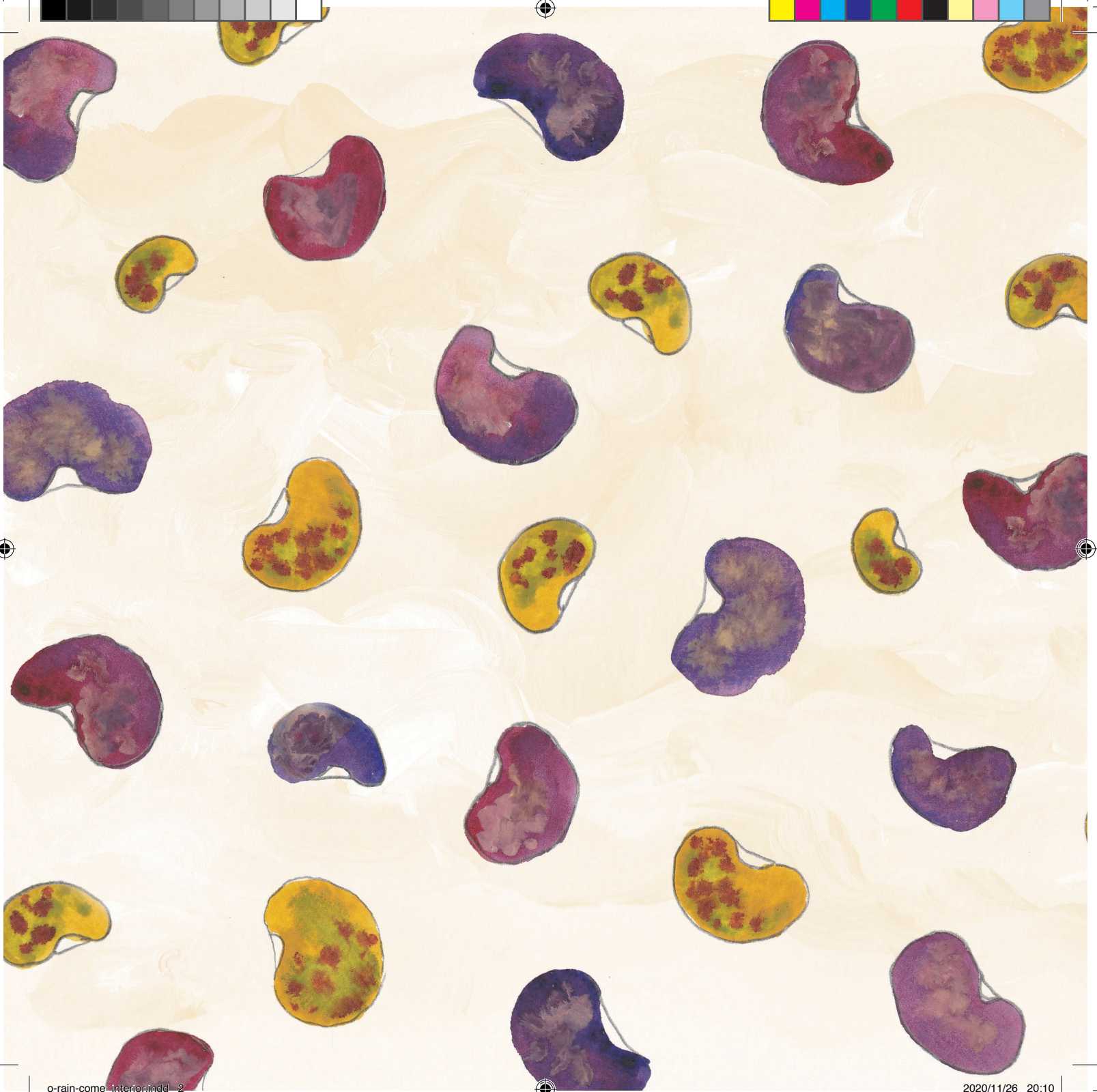


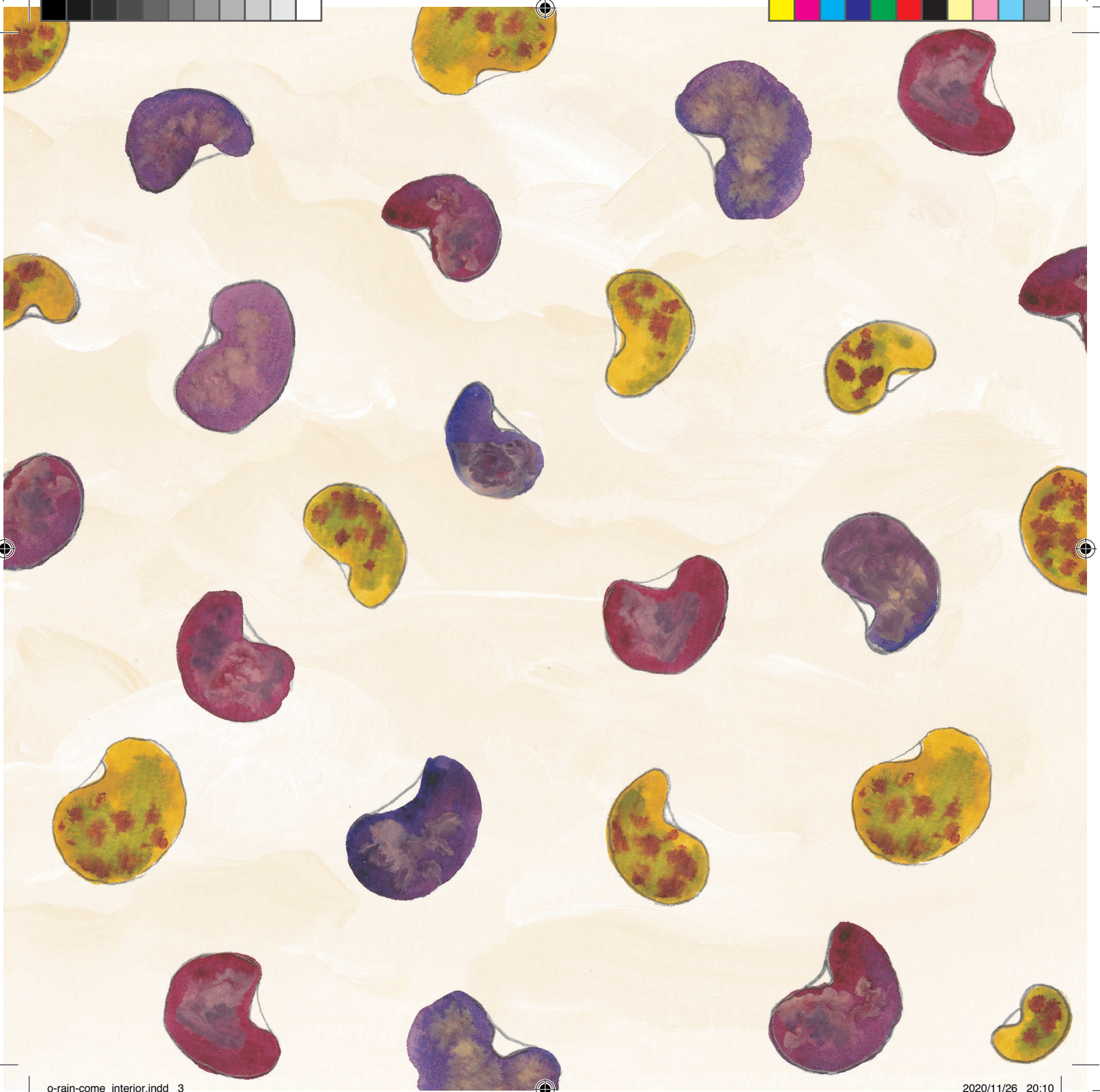


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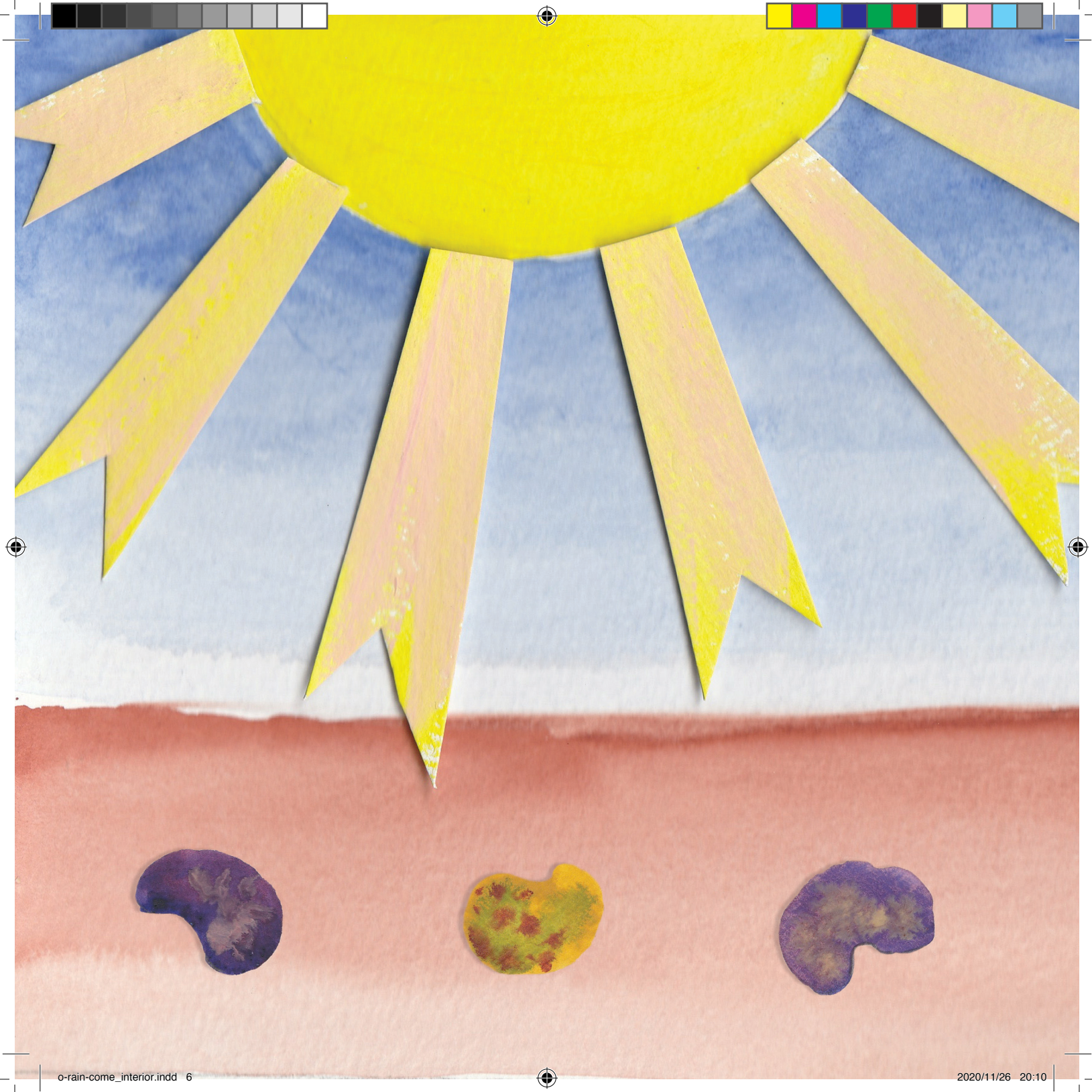
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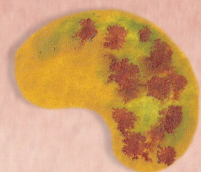
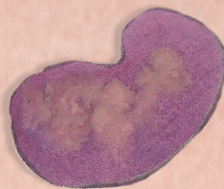
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Kwakuyisemini yasehlobo eshisayo.





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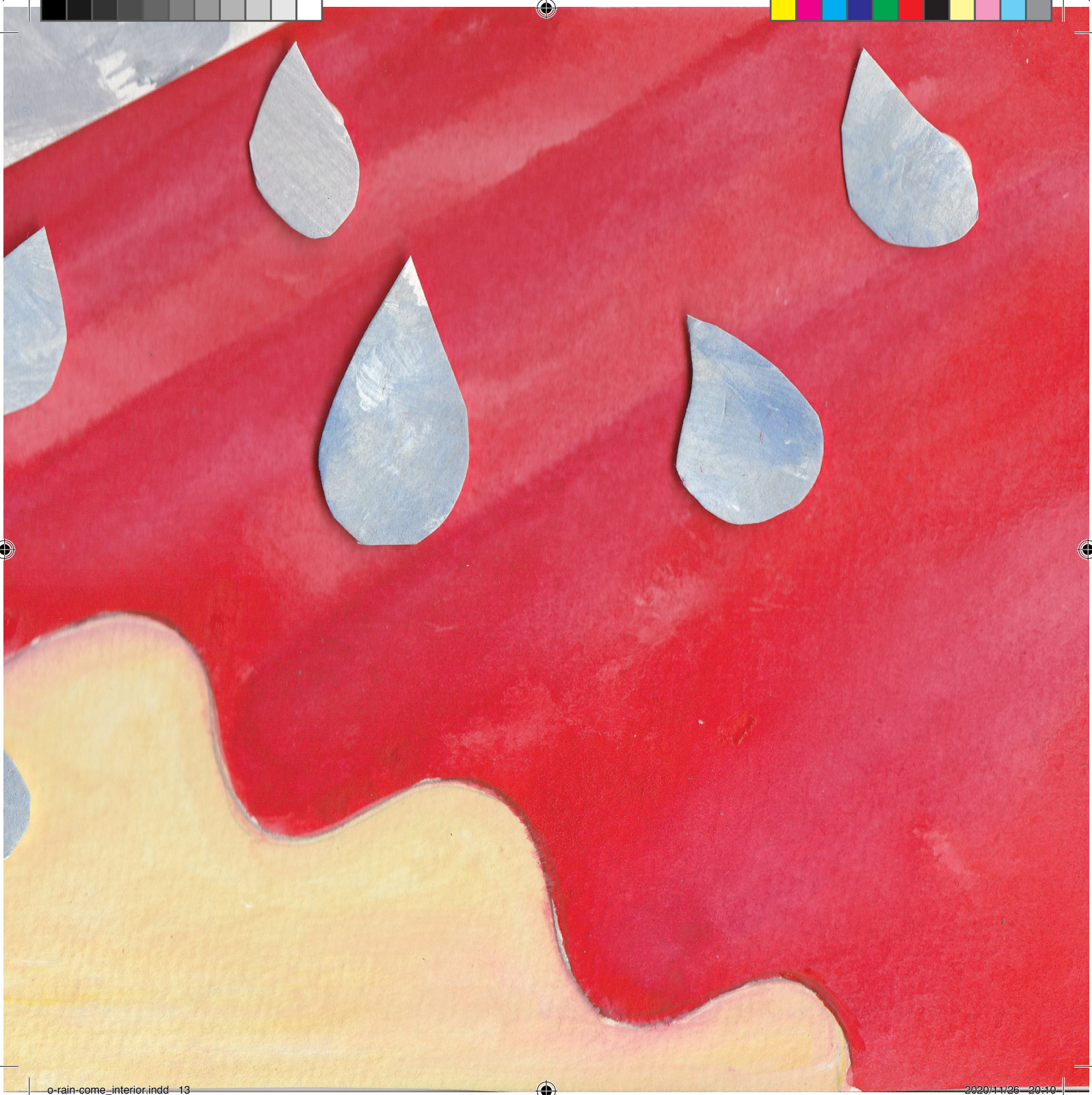
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umfowabo, uMayamiko.

Bekushisa kakhulu ukuthi
kungavunyelwa izingane zidlale
ngaphandle.



Nto-nto!

ULilato wezwa kuqala.
Kwezwakala njengetshe
lishaya ophahleni
lwendlu. ULilato wabheka
uMayamiko kodwa yena
akazange ambheke.







Wacothoza waya ewindini wabheka
phezulu esibhakabhakeni.

Isibhakabhaka sasimpunga, sicishe
sibe mnyama ngombala.







ULilato waqala ukucula le ngoma
ayeyifundiswe ngumngani wakhe
omkhulu, uMwansa.

Wemfula isa isa
Woza mvula
Twangale na mainsa
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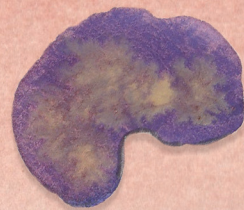




ULilato wacula, ehlikihla iminwe
yakhe ndawonye.



Nto-nto-nto-
nto-nto-nto!





Amaconsi amaningi emvula awa
esibhakabhakeni.





“Maya! Liyana!” Kumemeza uLilato.
“Liyana!” Bagijima baphumela
ngaphandle kwendlu.





UMama wayesevele ebeka
amabhakede azungeze indlu
ekhongozela amanzi emvula.





Bagijima baya emgwaqweni
ongaphambi kwendlu yabo
bahlanganyela nezinye izingane.







Kwezwakala umzilili othi wemfula
isa isa twangale na mainsa, endaweni
yonke.





Izulu lavuleka yashaya kakhulu
imvula, ihambisana neculo losuku.



