



Aboriginal Art

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All about the artist/art

Australian Aboriginal Art is a style of art made by people who are native to Australia. People have lived in Australia for the past 50,000 years.

Their art and paintings mostly show 'The Dreaming', the stories and beliefs of Aboriginal people.



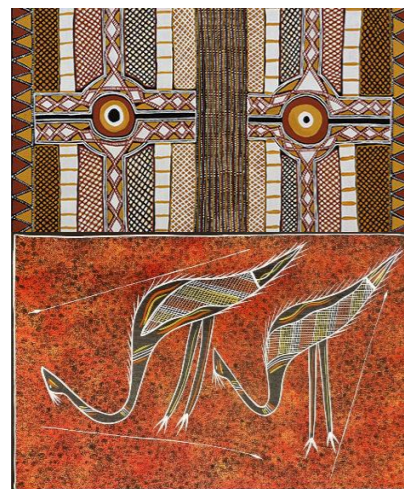
Styles and Techniques

Dots



Aboriginal people have used dots in art for a very long time. Dots can be seen in patterns carved on ancient rock galleries. They were often used in sand paintings and in body painting ceremonies.

Rarrk/Cross Hatching



'Rarrk' is an art technique in famous X-Ray style paintings, where the internal organs of animals are depicted.

'Rarrk' is made by crossing straight lines, this is also called 'crosshatching'.

Significant Works

Dot paintings



Using dots in art is a very old practice in Aboriginal culture. Dot paintings are often stories, or they may show stars or sparks.

Animal Art/Dreaming



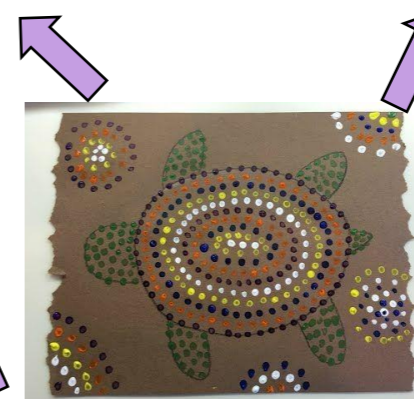
'The Dreaming' describes the stories and beliefs of different Australian Aboriginal groups. These paintings often contain animals.

What will be the outcome?

Step 2: Choose your colours to mimic the original style

Step 3: Use the stick to make dots to create the animal

Step 1: Draw your simple animal shape, chosen from a dreamtime story



Step 4: Add in other shapes to retell the story, using different techniques

Things you'll need:
Paint, stick, natural shades of paper, dreamtime stories, pencil

Key Vocabulary

Dots

Crosshatching

Palette

Colour

Sketch

Natural

Light

Dark

Tone

Pattern

Shape

Mood

Vibrant

Dull