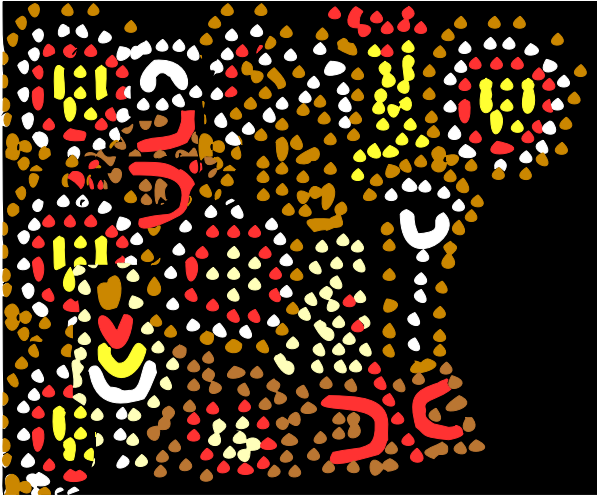


# Australian Art



The Australian art scene is based around the art of the Aborigines. These works of art were made from the the different natural materials around them.

Most of the earlier art of the Aborigines were made from patterns, with different shapes symbolising animals, people or landmarks.

The paints they used were made from the different materials which were available from their own natural landscape. This would have included different muds and clays to provide the different shades of browns, reds, white and yellows. Normally the art would be completed on the walls of caves or wood. Sometimes patterns were made in the sand to tell the younger members different stories.

See if you can design maybe a map of your local area, or leave a message for some-one to read.

During some of the ceremonies Aborigines decorate their own bodies using the natural paints to symbolise features of their ancestors and the world around them.

To complete your own art, you will need.

Resources

- Sheet of black sugar paper.
- A variety of shorts sticks.
- Red, Yellow, White and Brown paint

Equipment

- Paint brushes (Only to mix paint)
- Paint containers.

When painting the picture you can only use the end of the paint brushes, the sticks or your finger tips.

*Other activity :*

You could try to create your own ceremonial body paint, but just remember if you are going to do any painting on the face or body, then you need to use proper face paints.