

Art from the Biomes of the World

This art is from Australia. What Biome is Australia in? In the hottest places there, a long time ago the people, called Aborigines, used the materials they could find around them, mostly the rocks and the earth themselves. This Australian Aboriginal art is the oldest unbroken tradition of art in the world.



The oldest rock art painting in Australia is a charcoal drawing on a rock fragment found during the excavation in the **Northern Territory** of Australia. Dated at 28,000 years, it is one of the oldest known pieces of rock art on Earth with a confirmed date. Rock art, including painting and engraving or carving, can be found at sites throughout Australia. There are several types of and methods used in making **Aboriginal art**, including rock painting, **dot painting** (this is the one we are going to do), rock engravings, bark painting, carvings, sculptures, and weaving and string art.

These are dot painting from Australia:



Draw a simple outline of your favourite animal and get dotting a colourful pattern all around it. Use a cotton bud carefully dipped in paint. No sideways painting just dabbing up and down, very slowly and very close but not touching. You could also use the end of your paint brush to make your own aborigine inspired picture.



If you are out of paint this looks great fun! http://www.sciencemadesimple.co.uk/exploring-science/make_your_own_paint