

Australian Aboriginal Style Dot Painting (as a group)

Get Inspired by the Real Thing

Show the children examples of aboriginal dot painting from books or the internet. Explain that these paintings tell stories using special symbols. While outsiders may know some of the story, only those who painted them know the full meaning.

Planning the Painting

Get the group to suggest a theme for their painting. (My brownies for example chose pack holiday.) Draw some aboriginal symbols (see sheet) or your own on a large sheet of paper. These will tell the outline of the story. Divide the rest of the sheet into smaller sections.

Painting as a Group

Paint the symbols black. Allocate each child a section. They can then finger paint (using the tip of their finger only) their section. Each child can decide what part of the story their section is telling. (My brownies for example said their section showed 'sleeping in a tent', 'playing games', 'helping cook' etc.) The brownies painted one six at a time, using their six colour.

