

PATTERN AND COLOR

Aboriginal art uses patterns and warm colors to decorate all kinds of objects. This art uses color and pattern to great effect. You can decorate a plate in the same style.

WHAT YOU NEED
Paper Plate
Paints
Paintbrush

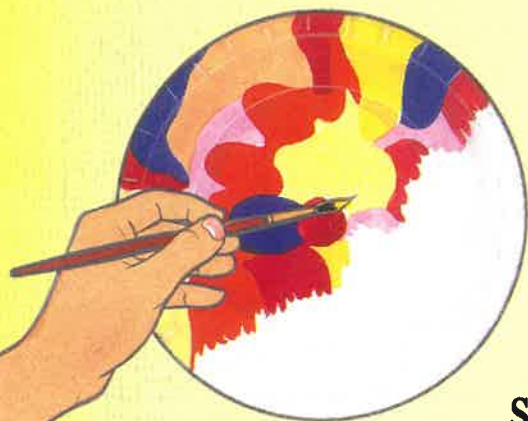


Step 1. Take a paper plate and some bright natural colored paints.

PROJECT: DECORATING A PLATE



Step 2. Start by painting the background of the plate. Divide it up into sections of bright colors. Let it dry.



Step 3. When it is dry, you can add the pattern on top. Use black and white paint to stand out against the bright colors you have used. You could make your pattern a flower or another object that you might see in nature.



GALLERY

Aboriginal Artifact ABORIGINAL ART (PRESENT DAY)



FABRICS
Today Aboriginal designs are often used to decorate fabric that can be made into clothes.



PATTERN
This pattern is exactly the same as those that have been used by Aborigines for thousands of years.



DOTS AND SPOTS
The dot or circle was used a great deal in Aboriginal pattern making.

Aborigines have lived in Australia much longer than anyone else. From earliest times they used color to decorate their bodies, rocks, wooden and clay pots, spears, boomerangs, and shields. Crushed rocks and flowers were used as paints, while feathers and chewed bark served as brushes. Today in some parts of Australia, this same style is used to decorate objects used in everyday life.