

Aboriginal Art

Shapes, patterns & colours

The Aboriginal people have been living in Australia for thousands of years. Their paintings and drawings are called 'Aboriginal art'.



There are different types of Aboriginal art. Here are some of them.



Rock



X-ray

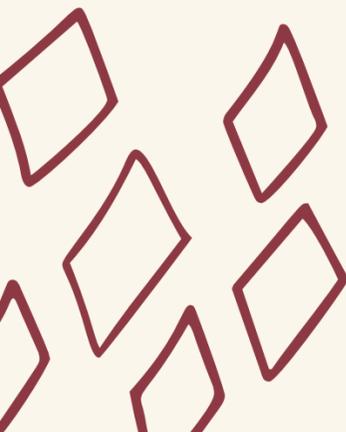


Dot

Patterns

There are lots of patterns in Aboriginal art, most of them are made using dots and lines.

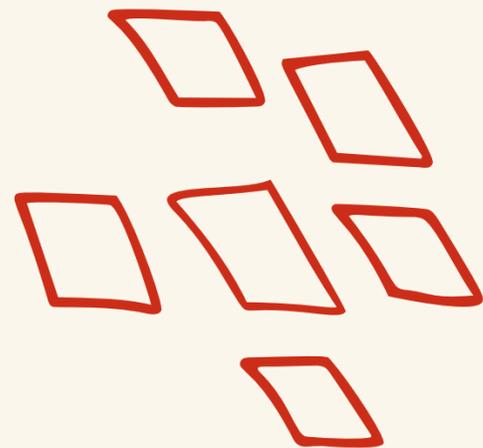
Each style of work comes from a different place in Australia and is special to the Aboriginal people that come from that area.



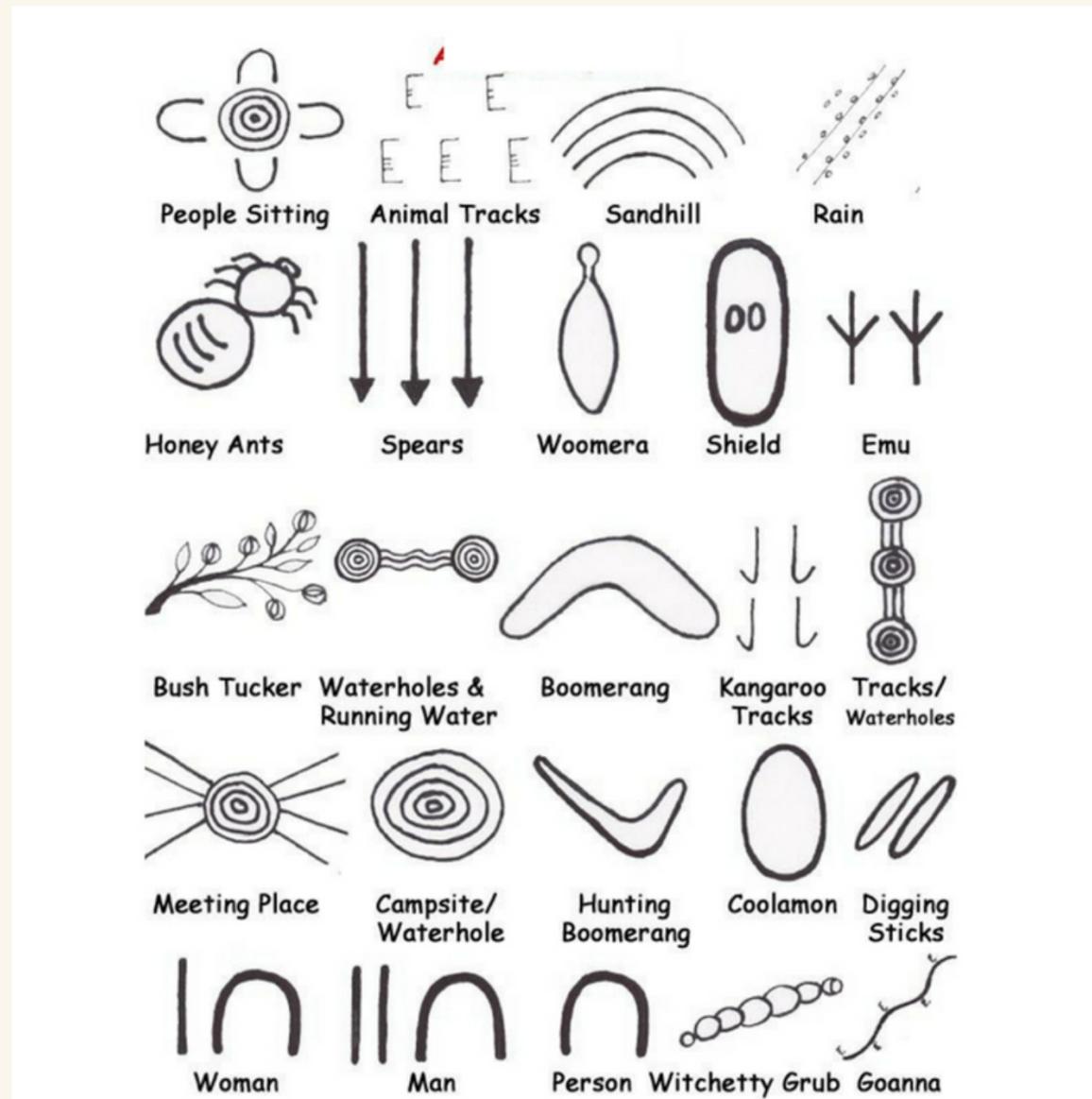
Storytellers

Storytelling is an important part of Aboriginal culture and some stories are very old.

Aboriginal people do not have a written language so to pass their traditional stories of life, culture and beliefs on to others they use symbols to create beautiful pieces of art.



Each symbol has a special meaning and is used to tell a story or message.



Traditionally people drew pictures in sand or dirt. They also painted on rocks, bark and bodies.



Colours

Many years ago Aboriginal people only used materials from the land to make paint. They used clay and plants so all of the colours were natural.

Today other materials are used to create Aboriginal art and the colours are much brighter.

