

Appreciating Aboriginal Dot Painting — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Dot painting is one well-known style of Aboriginal art.
- Patterns of dots can show stories, maps and Country.
- Different artists and peoples have their own styles.
- Some designs are sacred and belong to particular peoples.

Key vocabulary

- Dot painting — art made from patterns of dots.
- Symbol — a mark standing for an idea.
- Sacred — holy or specially significant.
- Appreciate — to value and admire.

Reading the art

Dots and symbols can map waterholes, journeys and stories — art that carries knowledge, not just decoration.

Respect, don't copy

We admire and learn about Aboriginal art respectfully. Because some designs are sacred, we do not copy them as our own.