

## Aboriginal Dot Painting

This beautiful art comes from the natives of Australia, often referred to as Aborigines. You can watch an aboriginal artist using this art form [here](#).

What you will need

- Paper or canvas
- Q-tips
- Paint

Method

1. Set out your canvas, it can be paper, card or anything on hand!
2. Dip the q tips in the paint and create dotty designs all over the paper.



## Maori Bookmark

This design is inspired by Maori carvings at Lake Taupo, New Zealand. Learn about the Maori Rock carvings [here](#).

What you will need:

- Template attached
- Red & Black felt tip pens
- Scissors

Method

1. Download and print the template attached onto white A4 card.
2. Colour in the bookmark using red and black felt tip pens.
3. Ensure you leave some white space in the details.
4. Once the ink has dried, carefully cut into bookmarks.

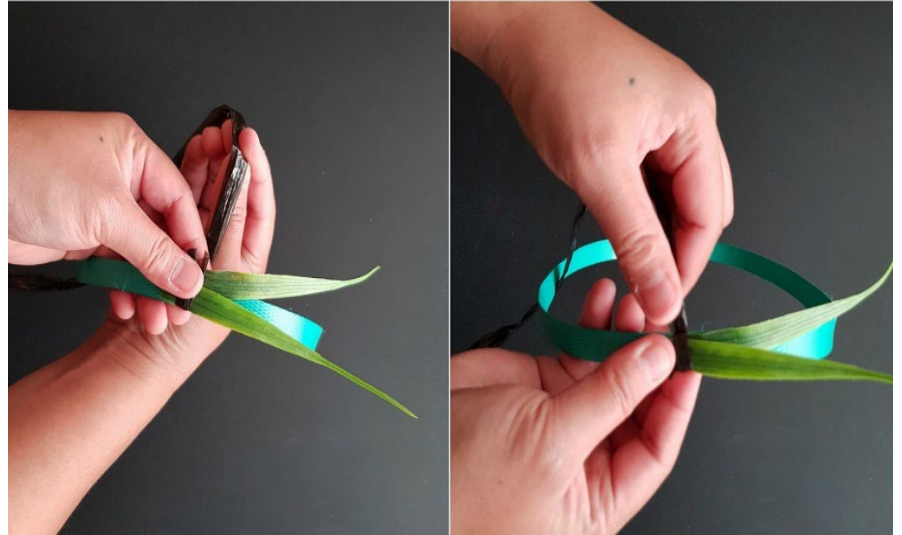


## Cook Island 'ei katu

Traditionally worn at weddings and other special occasions, this flower crown is beautiful! Learn more about them [here](#).

What you will need:

- Flowers (real or synthetic)
- Leaves (real or synthetic)
- Polypropylene Strap
- Raffia ribbon
- Scissors
- Pliers
- Sticky tape



### Method

1. Carefully clip each stem down to 3cm.
2. Separate the leaves by pulling them off the stems.
3. Cut the leaves down to 7cm if needed.
4. Take the strap and measure it around your head.
5. Use a sticky tape to hold the strap together.
6. Measure and cut about 1 ½ meters of raffia.
7. Take 2 of the long leaves and position one by one along the strap.
8. Alternate the direction of each leaf.
9. Firmly wrap the raffia around the leaves and poly strap.
10. Create a pattern with the other types of leaves and flowers until it covers half the strap.



## Aboriginal Boomerang

Imagine you're an aborigine from Australia by creating a painted boomerang made out of cardboard! Australian Aboriginals created unique items like boomerangs thousands of years ago and now you can follow in their footsteps with this fun arts and craft project.

### What You Need:

- Cardboard
- Paint
- Pencils with good erasers on them

### Method

1. Trace a boomerang shape on a flat piece of cardboard. This is a good opportunity to talk about shapes – what does a boomerang shape look like? Why was it shaped this way?
2. Using your pencil, trace some wavy lines, circles and triangles on your boomerang.
3. Talk about what these shapes could mean to the Aboriginals. Could the circle represent a watering hole? What might wavy blue lines represent?
4. Dip the eraser of one of your pencil's into the paint. Carefully make painted dots along your pencilled lines.
5. For fun, try counting the dots as you go. You will need a different pencil for each colour of paint you use.
6. Let your boomerang dry.

