

# Aboriginal Australian Art Symbols

Generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples were able to pass down important cultural stories by using symbols and icons portrayed in artwork.

Each symbol communicates and shares the meaning of their life on earth, important rituals, food and customs.

These symbols form an important part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples art and can vary from region to region but are generally understood. Aboriginal art has been used for thousands of years to convey stories and messages that are extremely important to their cultures. Aboriginal artists create their works based on how the land was created, basing their subject matter mainly on patterns and animals.

The iconography used when applied to any surface then converts it to having religious or time-honoured meaning.



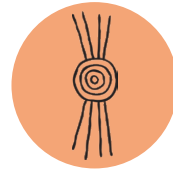
boomerang



bush berry



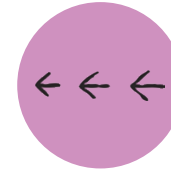
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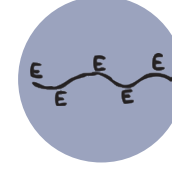
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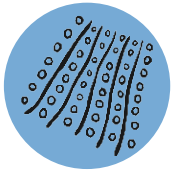
digging sticks



emu tracks



goanna tracks



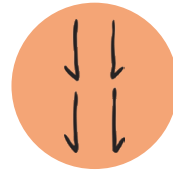
heavy rain



human tracks



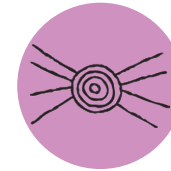
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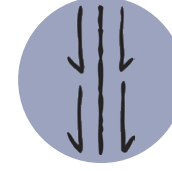
kangaroo tracks



man sitting



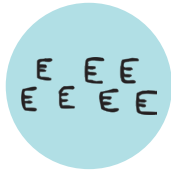
meeting place



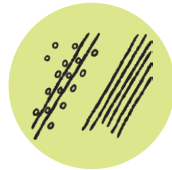
moving kangaroo tracks



people sitting



possum tracks



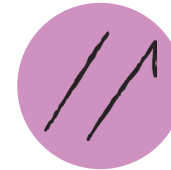
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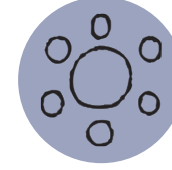
sandhill or cloud



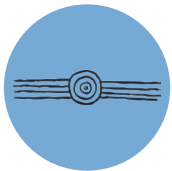
snake



spear



sun or star



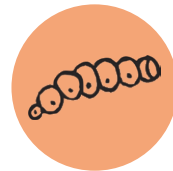
travelling resting place



water



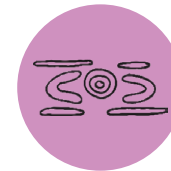
water holes



witchetty grub



woman



women sitting



4 women sitting

