

Cave Painting

Paintings have been found in caves all over the world. It is thought that they were painted as long ago as the Stone Age. Most of these cave paintings were of animals or hunters. Sometimes cave paintings had symbols, as a way of communicating a message.



Sometimes people made paintings of the outline of their hands. One cave could be full of lots of different paintings by several different painters.

You are going to paint your own cave paintings.

The colours in the paintings were made from mineral pigments, so you are going to use natural colours, such as red, brown, black and white.

The cave walls were often uneven, so you are going to use sandpaper to make it feel as though you are writing on a wall.

You will need:

- sandpaper
- paintbrush
- natural coloured paints or chalks
- images of cave paintings, hand outlines and symbols

Instructions

1. Cut a piece of sandpaper to size.
2. Use the paints or chalks to draw an animal and a hunter. Use the pictures to give you some ideas.
3. Using the chalks, choose one colour and write some of the symbols.
4. Finally, draw around your hand to make an outline of your hand.

