Aboriginal Placemat

You will need:

Berol Fabric Crayons
Berol Handwriting Pencil
Hard, flat surface
Wide masking tape
White fabric (32 x 32 cm)
Fabric web (iron on)
Scissors

What to do?

1. Cut the fabric to size.

2. Lay the fabric onto a hard, flat surface and secure it to the surface, approximately 2cm from the edges.

3. Pressing lightly, draw the outline of the design onto the fabric using a sharp pencil.

4. Remember to draw some of the detail of the design at this point including lines, shapes and other patterns.

5. Using the Berol Fabric Crayons, colour in the background with a light colour and press gently to gain an overall effect.

6. Increase colour tone by pressing harder with the crayons to add shading.

7. Shade in lighter colours on the creature first and then add tone and darker colours later.

8. Ensure that the detail; lines dots and patterns stand out. Choose strong, rich colours and press firmly.

9. Colour into the corners of the placement so that an even finish is created.

10. When your design is finished, use the Fabric Webbing to iron down the edges.

11. Seal the Berol Fabric Crayons by following the instructions on the box.

12. The placemat is ready to be use and can also be washed in cool water!

Additional Information

Leading up to this activity, discuss the traditions of aboriginal art and how every picture tells a story.

Discuss other primitive art on the walls of caves and how these were used as a way to communicate.

Aboriginal art uses symbols for everyday objects. It might be a fun idea to invent your own symbols as part of the design

Tips for Fabric Crayons

Most fabrics work well with these crayons. However, a smooth fabric gives a particularly nice finish.

The Berol Fabric Crayons are so easy to use, chunky to hold and fun to play with.

The colours are so bright and cheerful. Every design will look vibrant and eye-catching.

The Berol Fabric Crayons are really good for practicing shading and mark making.