

# Virtual International Festival

## Australian Boomerang and Aboriginal Painting

The Boomerang was a hunting tool used by indigenous Australians. Because of the shape of the Boomerang it revolved at speeds that one cannot see it when it is thrown. In 1971, a group of artists from Papunya in the Northern Territory of Australia started painting on canvas and this was when the popularity of Aboriginal dot painting emerged. These artists were known as the Papunya Tula Artists.



How to make a Boomerang

### You will need:

- Boomerang Template on the next page.
- Cereal box or any cardboard with a large flat surface
  - Scissors
  - Pencil
- Q-tips and Paint or Markers in different colors The traditional Aboriginal colors are: red, yellow, brown and white.

### How to make this Aboriginal Boomerang Craft:

- 1) Print and cut out the this Boomerang template.
- 2) Trace the shape of the boomerang on an empty cereal box (or cardboard). Then cut it out.
- 3) Your child is now ready to paint and design. Simply dip a cotton Q-tip into some paint or us markers to make dots. Create patterns on the boomerang just by putting dots of paint or markers. Encourage your child to create circular patterns as inspired by the Aboriginal artwork featured below or find other examples on the internet.

