

Stone Age Hunter Gatherer Art Ideas

Choose one or more of these ideas to complete

Stone Age Paintings

Children could collect stones to draw stone age pictures on, using charcoal or chalk. Fix the picture and finish it with varnish.

On paper, they could tell a story or leave a message through pictures. You could use sand for background texture.

They could try using only sticks, feathers or fingers to paint with.



Hand Stencils

Children could use paint, either watered down in a spray bottle or with a sponge, to go round their hands and create hand stencils on paper like the ones found in caves. They could hold both hands still in a chosen position while a partner paints round them.



Stone Age Jewellery

They made bead necklaces, pendants and brooches.

Children could make their own jewellery using clay or shells.



Children could also design the jewellery rather than make it. They could draw and label their designs.

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