

Dot Art

The Aboriginal people in Australia use dot painting to tell stories and create beautiful artwork. Here's a craft for you to make your own!

colored paper
paint brush
paint
pencil with flat-top eraser

1. Draw or paint the shape of an animal on your paper. You could paint an animal from Australia, like a kangaroo or koala!
2. Now grab a pencil. Lightly dip the eraser end of the pencil in colored paint. Press the eraser onto the paper to paint dots on the page.



Banana Damper

Damper is a traditional Australian bread. Travelers would sometimes make this bread outside over a campfire with hot coals. Here's a version you can try! Remember to ask an adult for help.

3 cups self-rising flour	2 bananas, mashed
1/4 cup brown sugar	1/2 cup milk
1/3 cup butter, cubed	1/2 cup walnuts (optional)

1. Mix the flour and brown sugar together. Add butter and stir with a fork until crumbly.
2. In a separate bowl, add milk to the mashed bananas and mix.
3. Add the banana mixture to the crumb mixture. Use a fork to stir until just combined.
4. Turn the dough onto a greased cookie sheet and pat into a large round. Gently press walnuts into the top (optional). Dough will be soft and sticky.
5. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 40 minutes.

