



Make a Sand Picture hands-on activity

This activity is situated at the end of the Noongar Six Seasons Garden Walk.

It involves making a sand picture and provides a step towards the understanding of the use of symbols in Aboriginal artworks.

This activity is most useful when undertaken after participants have absorbed information inside the Museum about Aboriginal culture, especially the importance of Country [traditional land where a language group belong] to Aboriginal people.

It can be useful to do the Aboriginal art floor jigsaw puzzle activity in room 1 first.

Participants can be encouraged to make up their own symbols for things they wish to represent and not be restricted to the examples shown, this can help to highlight the difference between a symbol and pictorial representation.

Classroom links can be made to map-making, looking at aerial photographs, other forms of artwork using symbolism in different cultures.

