

Queenie McKenzie



Born in 1915, McKenzie was a contemporary indigenous Australian artist from north west Australia. She was known as the first female artist to paint in east Kimberly style, inspiring generations after her. McKenzie used natural pigments made from ochres, that were dug from the ground.

For this activity you will need:
Plain paper and oil pastels.

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Let's start with our Australian landscape!
Imagine what it's like to be there..



→ Opening your box of oil pastels, begin by picking out the natural colours.



→ Draw a border to go around your drawing.
We'll save the dots till last..



→ Finally, leaving space for your kangaroo at the bottom. Draw some mountains at the top!



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Now lets draw a strolling kangaroo underneath our mountains!



→ To draw the body, start with the head shape. Go through to the neck (smaller), then to the body (even bigger) and finally, the tail (smaller and really long)

→ Now add the 2 legs, 2 arms and 2 ears.

→ If you like, you could have several kangaroos!



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Like McKenzie's artwork, there is no space left without colour!

→ Now let's colour in the sky...

→ Also colour in the ground and any other space left...

→ Finally let's add those familiar dots! *Using a single colour that stands out over your drawing, go around everything with dots!*



Final Outcome:



Using the same techniques, here's what else you could make:



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