

DIDGERIDOO— A CRAFT FROM AUSTRALIA

**MATERIALS: LARGE GIFTWRAP TUBE
 OR 26" X 13" BROWN PAPER AND TAPE
 MARKERS
 WHITE PAINT AND COTTON SWABS
 OR SMALL WHITE STICKER DOTS**

THE DIDGERIDOO HAS BEEN USED IN AUSTRALIA FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. DIDGERIDOOS ARE USUALLY MADE OF A TREE BRANCH THAT HAS BEEN HOLLOWED OUT BY TERMITES. THE DIDGERIDOO PLAYER PURSES HIS/HER LIPS AND BLOWS THROUGH THEM WHILE PRESSING THE DIDGERIDOO TO THEM.

Follow these directions to make a paper didgeridoo:

1. Use the markers to draw stripes, large colorful shapes, and/or animals on your brown paper. (Australian animals include Kangaroos, Koalas, dingos, platypus, emu, and of course larks and snakes.) Be sure to color in the shapes you make.
2. Dip a cotton swab into the white paint. Use this to make dots on top of the colors wherever you wish.
3. When your painting is dry, roll up the didgeridoo the long way. tape along the long edge, to hold it in one long "tube". Now you can play it!

THIS ART STYLE, WITH BRIGHTLY COLORED SPACES TOPPED WITH LIGHTER COLORED DOTS, IS SIMILAR TO THE ART OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA.