

Clay Petroglyphs

Petroglyphs are artworks created by carving pictures into rock. Petroglyphs were popular with the ancestors of many current indigenous communities and because they are made in rock, they have been well preserved over the past century. You can make your own petroglyph using clay carving tools and clay. If you don't have carving tools, you can use a butterknife or plastic utensils.

Materials: Air dry clay, carving tools, charcoal (optional).

Steps:

1. Create a disk shape with your clay. You can make it any size you want.
2. Pick your images. You can look up indigenous images or make up your own to create a story!
3. Let the clay dry in a cool dry place overnight on a sheet of plastic.
4. Optional: fill in your carvings with charcoal.



Ideas for carvings:

People, plants, animals, landscapes, abstract symbols.