

Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
symbol	A mark or picture that represents something.
combine	To join together.
hieroglyphics	Ancient Egyptian writing using symbols to represent whole words.
papyrus	Material used by the Ancient Egyptians for writing or painting.
texture	The physical feel of a surface eg. rough, bumpy.
shades	Light and darker tones of one colour.
tone	How deep a shade is – ranging from very light to very dark.
tertiary colour	A colour that can be made using a secondary colour and a primary colour.
artefacts	Objects for example ornaments, jewellery or tools
archaeology	The study of the past by looking at the remains of objects.
composition	Where things are placed on the page eg. trees figures
reflect	Think deeply about what you have done
evaluate	Assess what worked well and how you might do it differently next time.

Creating Art



The Ancient Egyptians used **papyrus** to write or paint on. Paintings could depict everyday life in Ancient Egypt, images of the gods or goddesses, or **hieroglyphics**.

Papyrus is a special kind of paper made using the stems of the papyrus plant which grows along the banks of the River Nile.



Finding out about the past



The Ancient Egyptians used art to decorate lots of **artefacts**. This included jewellery and ornaments which **archaeologists** have discovered when exploring ancient sites.

The designs on the artefacts have told the archaeologists a lot about how people lived during Ancient Egyptian times. The symbols they used are called **hieroglyphics**. It took many years to figure out what all these symbols mean and how they can tell us lots about the past.

Important People



We know a little bit about what some of the important people from Ancient Egypt (such as **pharaohs**) might have looked like from some of the images and statues that archaeologists have discovered.

Exploring Artefacts



Look at these Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

- What do they represent?
- What might they have been used for?
- How are they similar or different?
- Where might you have found them?
- What colours have been used?
- Can you describe the **textures**?



Ancient Egyptian Art

Using Watercolour Paint



Watercolour paints are made from blocks of different colour **pigments**. To make the paint you have to use water on a paintbrush to activate the pigment on the block. The **intensity** of the colour will change with the amount of water you use. Less water will make the colour brighter and more intense. You can change the **shade** and **tone**.



Covering a large area of the paper with watercolour paint is called a **wash**. This is often used when painting a sky or background. An artist would paint these layers first and then put other layers over the top of that. Different brushes also create different effects.

Extending your learning

5 things you could do at home to extend your learning:

- Look and feel the textures of different surfaces around you and outside – for example tree trunks, twigs, brickwork, paper.
- Identify different symbols on street signs when you are in a car or in the park and think about what they may represent.
- Design your own symbol that represents an aspect of Ancient Egyptian life.
- Visit the Ancient Egyptian artefacts at the British Museum
- Visit: https://www.ducksters.com/history/art/ancient_egyptian_art.php