

Ndebele Art

Amazing Fact

Ndebele house painting is traditionally done by the women. They have always done the painting freehand, without ever using a ruler! Long ago, the women used natural pigments for their paint but today they use more modern paint, but they still often use chicken feathers as paint brushes just as their ancestors did.

Activity

Try your hand at Ndebele house painting. Without using a ruler, sketch a design across the whole space. Remember that Ndebele art uses a series of geometric patterns and shapes. Use black to outline your design then use bright colours to fill in the design.

