

# DISCOVER WARLI ART



HARLEY AT HOME

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1 hour  
activity

## You will need:

Black felt tip pen or white crayon  
White or black paper  
Pencil

## Making Marks (15 minutes)

### What is a Warli painting?

Warli painting is a tribal art which comes from Maharashtra in Western India. Traditionally it was created using a mixture of ground rice and water painted onto the mud walls of buildings. Warli paintings described myths, festivals and everyday life.

In 2006 a Warli artist called Ramesh Hengadi came to the Harley Gallery as an artist-in-residence. Over a two month period he was shown around Nottinghamshire and painted what he saw including Sherwood Forest, Major Oak and Welbeck farmlands.

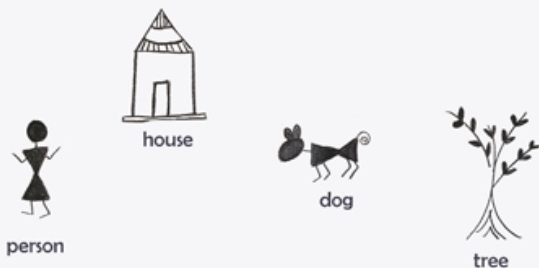
**1.** Before your child starts to create their Warli art they need to practice the basic marks used in a Warli drawing.

Ask your child to practice drawing the marks below using a pencil and paper



If you have younger children, encourage them to first draw the marks bigger and then smaller. They could also have a go at naming them such as a circle, square etc.

**2.** Now try drawing...



Younger children may only manage drawing one or two symbols, ask them to choose their favourite to draw.

## Warli Art Activity (45 minutes)

### 1. Now it's time to make your own Warli art picture.

Using the Warli symbols of a dog, tree, house and person, create a scene. You can use all the symbols, and more than once, or just select a few to use in the picture.

Remember Warli art tells a story about their daily lives. Ask your child to relate their Warli art picture to their daily life (current situation or usual).

For younger children, they could choose one symbol and repeat it or try to relate the symbols to members of the family, making children slightly smaller than adults.

**Here is an example for inspiration, remember to keep it simple!**



### Extension Activities

- Find out more about Warli art through searching on the internet and discuss with your child what the images may mean or represent
- Make a series of separate images in the style of Warli to make a comic/cartoon strip

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