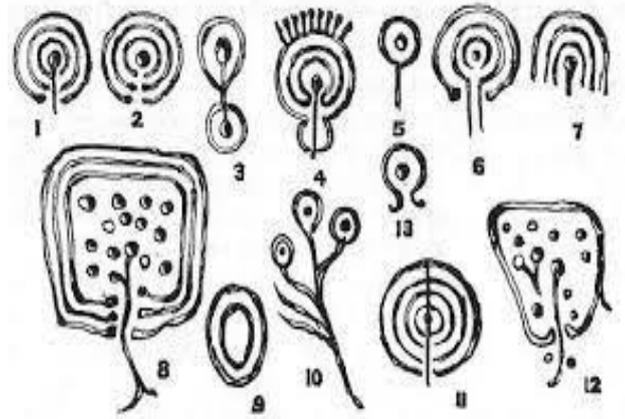




# Craft 3: Rock Art

Across the moors of Yorkshire, there are many examples of rocks bearing mysterious 'cup and ring' carvings. When thinking of prehistoric rock art, many people will think about cave paintings of animals, people, and weapons, however the rock art found in Yorkshire is abstract and geometric.



We are unsure what these markings mean, but some archaeologists think they could be associated with burials from the Neolithic and Early Bronze Ages, around 4500 years ago.

There are many more ideas for what these stones could mean, could they be a form of language? A form of art or decoration? Are they maps of prehistoric villages or the stars above? Are they ritual stones for a forgotten religion? Do they mark off boundaries for villages? Are they markers for routes across the moors?

**Nobody is really sure, what do you think these stones could be used for?**

CUP-MARKS	CIRCLES	PENANNULARS	ROSETTES
SPIRALS	RADIALS	KEYHOLES	ENCLOSURES
GROOVES	PARALLEL GROOVES	ANIMALS	WEAPONS
IDOLS	MISCELLANEOUS	ERASED FEATURES	UNIDENTIFIED

**Activity:**  
Using the information on this sheet, and the pictures showing real Rock Art from Yorkshire, create your own piece of rock art on paper and then cut it out to take home with you.

**Activity for at home:**  
Ask your adult to help find a rock, and use a black felt pen or sharpie to copy your rock art onto your real rock.