

What's Fact and Fiction @ Area 51?

Area 51 is a secret United States Air Force military base located at Groom Lake in Southern Nevada and was built in 1955.

This facility has been the focus of many conspiracy theories involving extraterrestrial life (alien lifeforms), though the official information confirms the base as being a flight-testing facility.

The official name for Area 51 is the Nevada Test and Training Range. The name, Area 51, came from its geographical location on a map.



Gate at Area 51



Aerial photo of Area 51

Some people believe that Area 51 is a site where government officials have performed experiments with extraterrestrials and their spacecrafts.

Others believe that the moon landing in 1969 was fake and was filmed right here on Earth at Area 51.

Over the years the CIA, Air Force, and aerospace company Lockheed Martin, have all used Area 51 as a staging ground for test flights of experimental aircraft.

According to documents declassified in 2007, in the 1950s and 1960s Area 51 was used as a site for top-secret Cold War-era program known as Oxcart. The purpose of Oxcart's program was to develop a spy plane that would be undetectable in the air and could be used for gathering information on the Soviet Union.



This spy-plane called the Archangel-12, was eventually developed at Area 51. The A-12 could travel speeds of more than 2,000 miles an hour and take clear pictures of objects on the ground from high altitudes.

These spy planes developed at Area 51 may resemble people's idea of what alien spacecrafts could look like, which helps explain why so many people reported UFO sightings in the skies above Nevada over the years.

These "UFO sightings" and the secrecy of the site helps to fuel the rumors swirling around it and maintains the mystery of what really goes on there to this day.

For more information about Area 51 check out these resources below

Websites:

[History.com/news.what-goes-on-at-area-51](https://www.history.com/news/what-goes-on-at-area-51)

[Britannica.com/place/Area-51](https://www.britannica.com/place/Area-51)

[Nationalgeographic.com/culture/topics/reference/why-two-million-storm-area-51/](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/topics/reference/why-two-million-storm-area-51/)

[Npr.org/2011/05/17/136356848/area-51-uncensored-was-it-ufos-or-the-ussr](https://www.npr.org/2011/05/17/136356848/area-51-uncensored-was-it-ufos-or-the-ussr)

Books:

Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base, by Annie Jacobsen. (located in Onslow County Public Library System: Call # 001.942 JAC).

UFO Secrets Inside Wright-Patterson: Eyewitness Accounts from Real Area 51, by Thomas J. Carey and Schmitt, Donald R.

Area 51-Black Jets, by Bill Yenne. Published: March 6, 2018.

Area 51 Clearance Badge & Questionnaire

GROOM LAKE TOP SECRET INSTALLATION
AREA 51

Special Agent: _____

Security Access: Clearance Level _____

Computer & Video Access: _____

Agency: _____

Alien Encounter: _____


ID Barcode

Agent Photo

Fill out your Badge ID in order to gain access to the secret military base known as Area 51!

What's your secret Agent Name?

Clearance Level: 1-10?

Computer & Video Access: None/Limited/Unrestricted

Agency: Which government agency do you work for? CIA, FBI, Air Force, etc.

Have you had alien encounter? Yes/No?

Draw a picture of yourself.

You can cut out your badge and wear if it you choose

Alien Creation!

Before you start "creating" your alien you need to decide a few things about this lifeform!

1) Is the Alien: Tall/Short+/Medium height? (circle one)

2) Does it have eyes? Y/N (circle)

a. If Yes; how many? _____ what do its eye(s) look like?

Draw here!

b. If no; how does the Alien get around without physically seeing things? _____

3) Does your Alien have nostrils? Y/N

a. If Yes; what shape is its nose?

Draw here!

b. If No; explain why it doesn't need nostrils to breathe: _____

4) Does the Alien have Arms & Legs? Y/N

a. If Yes; how many of each? Arms: _____ Legs: _____

b. If No; why not? what do they use to move around? _____

5) Does your Alien have a mouth? Y/N

a. If Yes; does it have teeth? what do they look like?

Draw here!

b. If No; how does it communicate? _____

6) Does the Alien have hair? Y/N?

a. If yes; explain what it looks like. Hair that is short/long/curly/spiky? _____

b. If no; why doesn't the Alien have hair? _____

7) Does it have Ears? Y/N

a. If Yes; How many ears does it have? _____ what do the ear(s) look like?

Draw here!

b. If No; explain why the Alien doesn't need a(n) Ear(s)? _____

8) What are some other features that makes your Alien unique? You don't have to fill out all the blank spaces.

[Example of a feature: *Camouflage Skin* that matches their surroundings, making them invisible!]

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

9) What does it eat? Circle all that apply: Meat/Plants/Insects/Dirt/Fruit/Bread/Arachnids/Fungus/ _____ / _____

10) What is your Alien's Name? _____ & what Planet does it live on? _____

* Now you're ready to "Create" your Alien! Use the craft materials provided to help you! *

** When you've completed your Alien Creation snap a picture and post it to our Facebook Page, OC Museum! **

Alien Dot Art

Materials

Alien Sheet

Crayons/Markers/Colored Pencils/Paint (whichever you want to use/have)

Instructions

Step 1: Taking the alien sheet pick which alien you're going to dot first!

Step 2: Using crayons/markers/colored pencils/paint (use whatever you have on hand) start creating small dots on your alien sheet.



Step 3: Mix up your colors to give dimension to your alien(s). Once the image is filled with dots your image is complete!



*You don't have to dot art the whole image. You could dot art the alien and then color in the planet background, OR dot art the planet background then color the alien! It's up to you!

A Little Bit About Dot Art

The term Dot Art is typically associated with Australian Aboriginal people, the indigenous people of Australia. Aboriginal people (Aborigines) used art to convey their important cultural stories of past generations. The art form we call Dot Art, came to be used by Aborigines during the 1970s.

Many aborigine art differs in character and style depending on which region the artist is from and what language is spoken. Most contemporary art can be recognized from the community where it was created.



Dot painting identified from the central and western desert.



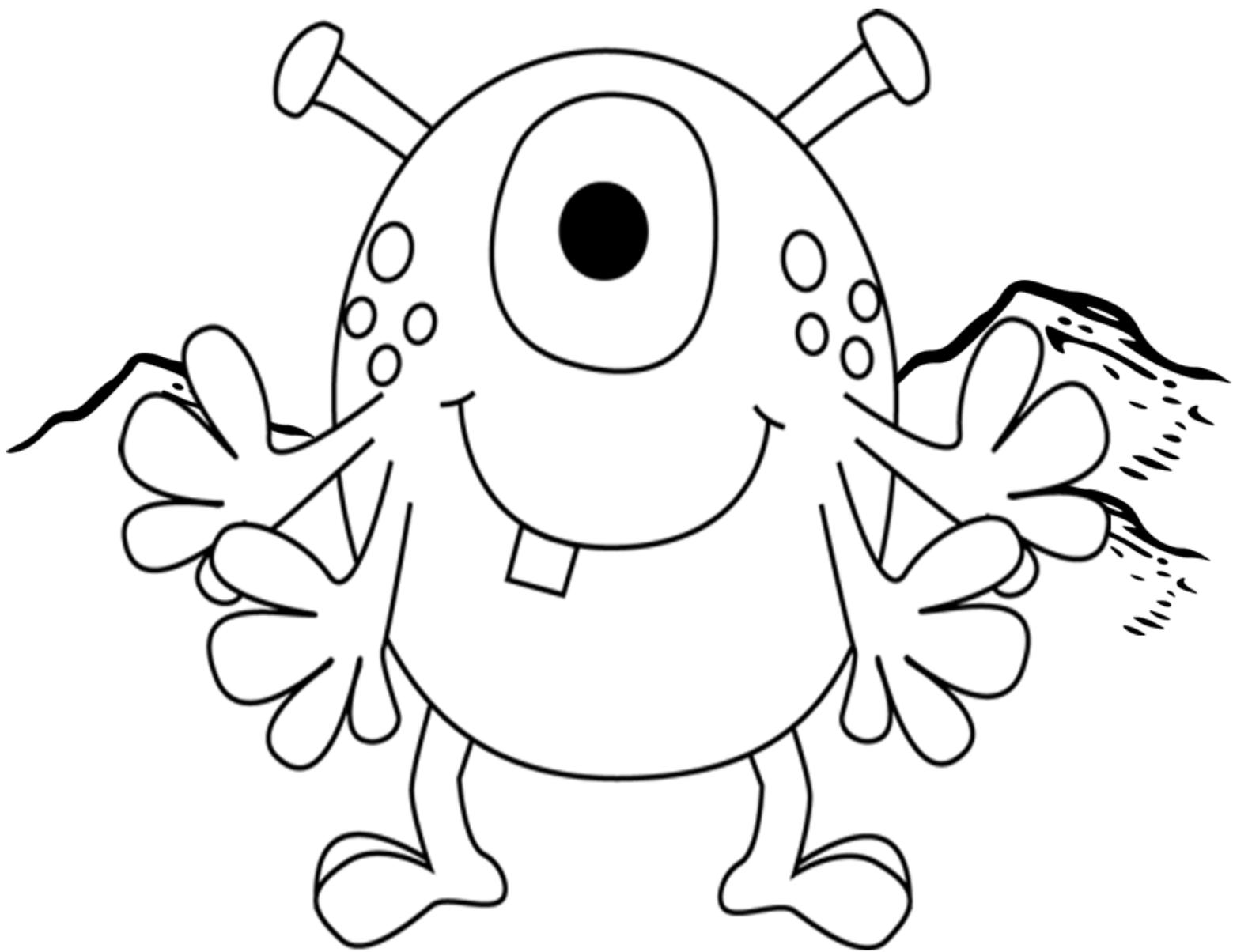
Cross-hatching design and x-ray paintings come from the Northern Territory and Arnhem Land.

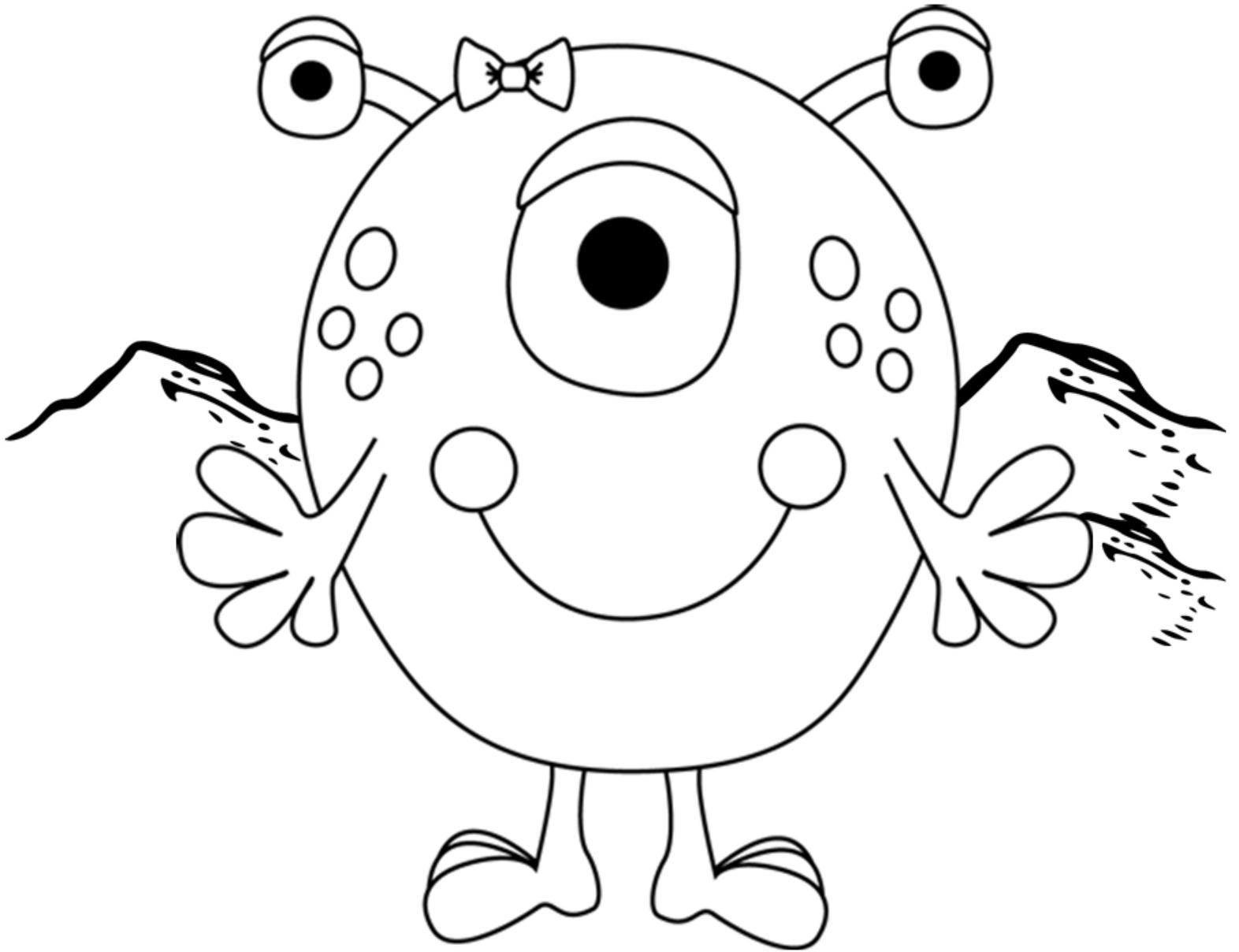
Colors used for Aboriginal Art was originally obtained from the local land. Ochre or iron clay pigments were used to produce color such as white, yellow, red and black from charcoal.

During the mid-1980s with more Aboriginal Women Artists emerging, a wider range of modern colors were chosen, and bright desert paintings started to circulate on the market.

Colors continue to be an identifying tool for which aboriginal community produced a specific piece of artwork. For example, Papunya Tula, part of the Western desert art movement is known for its use of soft earth colors, while many other Western Desert Communities like to use strong primary colors.

The Aboriginal art movement has helped to strengthen the culture of Aboriginal society by reinforcing the values of its traditional knowledge. Each piece of artwork represents a story, or life lesson, of past generations creating a revitalization of Aborigine "life".





Create an Alien Spacecraft

Materials

2 - Bowls

1 - Party Cup

Alien Cut Outs

Tape/Glue/Stapler

Scissors

Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils

Instructions

Step 1: Take the two bowls and attach them together, using whatever you have available: tape/glue/stapler.

Step 2: Once the bowls are attached together cut out your aliens! You can tape these to the inside of the party cup!

Step 3: Next using markers/colored pencils/crayons/etc. make circles around the top of your bowl. These will be your spacecraft "windows" or portal holes. You can design these windows however you want.

Step 4: Take the Party Cup and attach it to the top of the bowl making sure to encapsulate the alien. You can attach the cup by taping it (best method) or gluing it to the bowl.

Once everything is secured your Alien Spacecraft is ready for an out-of-this-world journey!

Cut out your aliens below!

