



## Create Your Own Pictographs

### **Making brushes**

The Salado probably used brushes made from sotol or yucca leaves. Make your own paintbrush by shredding the end of a twig. Experiment with finger painting or try blowing pigment through a straw, but go outside first!

### **Making paint**

Colors used were shades of black, red, and white. The Salado sometimes used yellow and orange as well.

Soft stones and minerals can be ground into pigment. Pieces of burned wood (NOT charcoal briquettes) can be used to make black. Plants can also be ground and used to make paint.

1. Mash a small amount of pigment and grind it into a powder or paste.
2. Mix the pigment with water, vegetable oil, or glue, and blend to the right consistency.

### **Painting Your Surface**

Flat rocks or tiles make good painting surfaces. Try crumpling a brown paper bag and using it as a painting surface.