

## Prehistoric Activity

# Cave Art – A Card Game

A very simple card game for 2-4 players

### Components:

- 30 Art Cards
  - 12 Bison Cards
  - 10 Deer Cards
  - 8 Horse Cards
- 30 Color Cards
  - 10 Red Cards
  - 10 Black Cards
  - 10 Brown Cards

### Overview

The objective is to collect art cards and color cards to recreate the famous cave paintings of Altamira. Match the right colors to your animal cards to score points.

### Setup

1. Shuffle the Art Cards and Color Cards separately
2. Deal each player:
  - 3 Color Cards
  - 2 Art Cards
3. Place remaining cards in two face-down piles

### How to Play

On your turn:

1. Draw one card (either Art or Color)
2. Try to make a cave painting by matching cards:
  - Bison needs 2 distinct colors
  - Deer needs 2 distinct colors
  - Horse needs 1 color
3. Place completed paintings face up in front of you

### Scoring

Bison: 3 points

Deer: 2 points

Horse: 1 point

### Winning

The first player to create 3 cave paintings wins!

If the cards run out, the player with the most points wins.

Print out and cut cards from the following page. MAKE SURE YOU PRINT THE PROPER AMOUNT FOR EACH CARD TYPE (read game description).

## Red

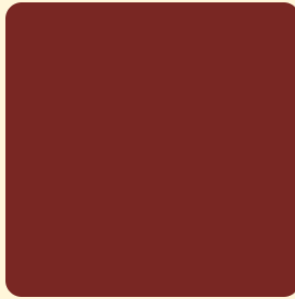
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Made from iron oxide (red ocher)

## Red

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Used for many animal figures

## Red

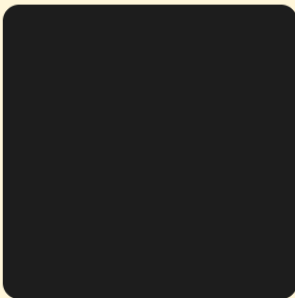
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Found in nearby rocks

## Black

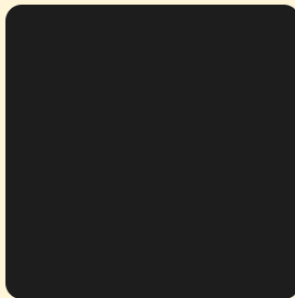
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Made from charcoal

## Black

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Used for outlines

## Black

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From burnt wood

## Brown

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Made from yellow ochre

## Brown

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Used for shading

## Brown

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Natural earth pigment

## Bison



The bison paintings used the natural curves of the cave walls to create a 3D effect!

## Bison



Artists used charcoal, ochre, and iron oxide to create different colors.

## Deer



The cave is 270 meters long, about as long as three football fields!

## Deer



A rock fall sealed the cave entrance 13,000 years ago, protecting the art.

## Horse



The artists also painted handprints on the cave walls!

## Bison



The Cave of Altamira was discovered in 1868 by a young girl named María!

## Bison



These paintings are between 35,000 and 13,000 years old!

## Deer



The cave ceiling height varies between 2 to 6 meters - that's as tall as a house!

## Deer



The cave became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

## Horse



The artists made their paint brushes from animal hair and plant fibers!

## Horse



The cave's location was perfect for prehistoric hunters - near mountains and the coast.

## Horse



The painters used torches and stone lamps filled with animal fat to light the cave.