



Australia



Aborigine Rainbow Serpent

Introduction: The ancient Australian people (Aborigines) have many stories of how the world was created. One of them tells the story of an ancestor spirit called the Rainbow Serpent. Along time ago, in the time before time known as the Dreamtime, when the earth was young and there was no sun or moon or stars and no plants, animals or people the Rainbow Serpent moved around in the darkness. As her great body moved across the world it created the mountains and the rivers and the seas. When the planet was all created the Rainbow Serpent decided to create life. At Uluru (Ayers Rock) she created the sun and the moon and all the peoples of the world. As the world was created the scales of the Rainbow Serpent flew into the sky and became the colours of the rainbow to remind all the peoples of their earth of their common blood.

Materials: cord, beads - red, yellow, orange, green, blue, indigo, violet, other oval beads and long thin beads.

How:

Take a piece of cord either long enough to make a bracelet or necklace. Onto the cord thread the following beads, an oval bead to be the head, a red bead, an orange bead, a yellow bead, a green bead, a blue bead, an indigo bead, a violet bead and a long thin bead to be the tail. You now have your rainbow serpent.