

Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri



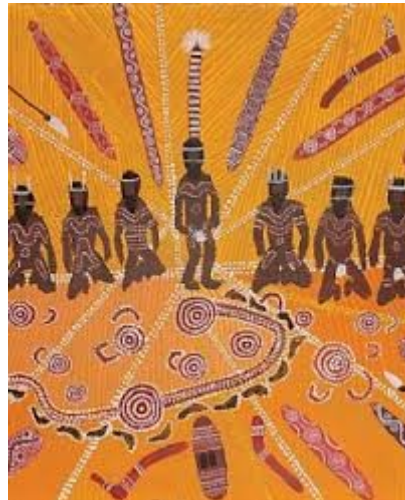
Key Facts

Full Name	Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri
From	Alice Springs, Australia
Born	1932
Died	21 st June 2002

What is Pointillism?

Pointillism is a way of painting in which small separate dots of pure colour are used to form images. The artist paints the picture with hundreds of tiny dots, mainly of red, yellow, blue and green, with white. The eye and mind of the viewer mix the colours to make different shades of these colours, as well as orange, purple, pink, and brown depending on the way the dots of colour are arranged.

In a pointillist painting, every part of the picture is done in tiny dots, and most of the dots are about the same size. Pointillism is usually done in oil paints, because they are thick and do not run into each other when they are painted on the canvas.



In 2007, a single painting by Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri set a record at auction for Aboriginal art. It was bought for **£1.03 million**, more than twice as much as the previous record-holder!