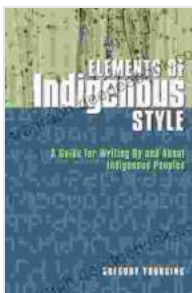


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## 1. Geometric Patterns

Geometric patterns are a fundamental element of Indigenous style, often representing the interconnectedness of all things. These patterns can be found in a wide variety of forms, including straight lines, curves, spirals, and angular shapes. They may represent the natural world, such as the shapes of plants, animals, or landscapes. Or they may represent abstract concepts, such as the cycle of life, the four directions, or the balance between opposing forces.



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## 2. Vibrant Colors

Indigenous artists often use vibrant colors to create a sense of energy and vitality in their work. These colors may be derived from natural materials, such as plants, minerals, and animals. Or they may be created using

synthetic pigments. Common colors used in Indigenous art include red, black, white, yellow, blue, and green.



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### **3. Cultural Symbolism**

Indigenous art is often rich in cultural symbolism. The motifs and designs used in Indigenous art can represent a wide range of things, including animals, plants, natural phenomena, and spiritual beliefs. These symbols may be used to tell stories, pass on cultural knowledge, or communicate spiritual messages.



#### 4. Beadwork

Beadwork is a common form of Indigenous art, often used to create elaborate garments, jewelry, and other objects. Beads may be made from a variety of materials, including glass, bone, shell, and wood. They may be strung together in simple or complex patterns, or used to create three-dimensional forms.



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## 5. Textiles

Textiles are another important element of Indigenous style, often used to create blankets, clothing, and other objects. Textiles may be woven, embroidered, or appliquéd, and may incorporate a variety of designs and patterns. Indigenous textiles often reflect the natural environment and cultural traditions of the community that created them.



## 6. Pottery

Pottery is a traditional form of Indigenous art, often used to create vessels for cooking, storage, and ceremonial purposes. Indigenous pottery may be made from clay, stone, or other materials, and may be decorated with a variety of designs and patterns. Indigenous pottery often reflects the cultural traditions and beliefs of the community that created it.



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## 7. Sculpture

Sculpture is another important form of Indigenous art, often used to create totems, masks, and other objects. Indigenous sculpture may be made from

a variety of materials, including wood, stone, bone, and metal. It may be carved, painted, or adorned with other materials. Indigenous sculpture often reflects the spiritual beliefs and cultural traditions of the community that создал it.



## 8. Contemporary Indigenous Art

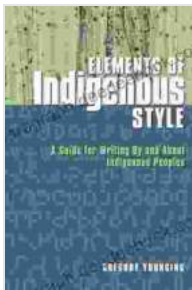


In recent years, there has been a growing movement of contemporary Indigenous art, which incorporates traditional and modern elements to create new and innovative works of art. Contemporary Indigenous artists often explore themes of identity, culture, and social justice in their work. They may use a variety of media and techniques to create their work, including painting, sculpture, photography, and digital art.



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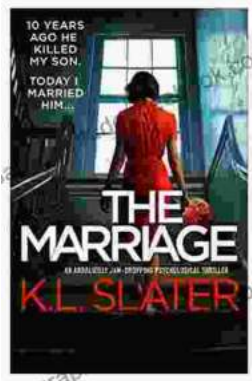


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