

Ancient tool project

I am an archaeologist in a cave in Spain looking for rock art. As I am walking a shard of rock about the size of my forearm catches my eye it has a painting of a bison on it. It has white coloring and sharp black lines.

The paint was probably made of made by smashing white rocks and then adding a little bit of water to make a paste. The black lines are probably made by sharpened charcoal sticks. The rock was probably rubbed with another rock to make it smooth. If you were making it on a cave wall it would've been hard getting up high enough (sometimes). Some were made with manganese (a black rock) from 1,500 miles away! That had to of been burned in a 16,015 degeneres fire just to make a painting.

I think the painting was used for counting their kills or just for fun. Other paintings might of actually relieved trauma because some painting might tell a story so listing to stories might of been stress reliving. It was also something to do.

The painting was probably from the Upper Paleolithic Era. I am surprised it survived a little bit of water on it, and it would be ruined!