

men such as Big Fly (the messenger), Coyote, or other animals and birds. Many are encircled by the Rainbow Goddess for protection, the opening (for there is never a complete enclosure) is always to the East; some are encircled with entwined serpents, some with a simple border. At the great ceremonials there will be as many as five different paintings on ensuing days, each with its special ritual at the end, all part of the healing ceremony which moves steadily forward in its prescribed order to the climax of the final night.