

Floral Glossary



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Abraded: See Ground.***Adzed***

Wood that has been worked with an adze.

Anthro\Zoomorphic

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Describes object with human and/or animal features.

Bark Beater

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Usually made from bone, but sometimes made from wood. The bark beater had a handle at one end and a rectangular shape at the other with several grooves. The grooved surface was used to hit the bark.

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Bead

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Small, central biconical perforation, made from bone, shell, ceramic, glass, stone, or wood. See Appendix E for measurements.

Descriptors: Bird Bone, Burnt, Calcined, Cutmarked, Decorated, Decorated Anthro/Zoomorphic, Fish Bone, Fractured, Gnawed/Chewed, Grooved, Incised, Perforated, Polished, Tapered

Beveled

A tool edge that has been modified by grinding to produce a desired edge angle.

- ***Bifacially Beveled:*** Beveled on two sides.
- ***Bilaterally Beveled:*** Beveled on two edges
- ***Unifacially Beveled:*** Beveled on one side.
- ***Unilaterally Beveled:*** Beveled on one edge.

Bowl

Round dish used for holding liquids, foods, etc.

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Box

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Container with four sides, a bottom, and sometimes a lid.

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Burnt

To show signs of being in contact with fire. Colour changes to black.

Canoe

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Hollowed open water-going vessel propelled by paddles.

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Digging Stick

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A wooden, bone, or antler tool used for digging. They are often perforated and some have incised designs near the end.

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Drilled

Manufacturing technique to pierce or bore into an object. Will produce depression with parallel sides.

Grooved

Describes a line in surface of object wider than 2mm caused by abrading or incising.

Ground

Manufacturing technique by which small amounts of material are removed from an object by rubbing with a stone or abrasive material. Alternative term: Abraded.

Handle

A part of an object made specifically to be grasped or held by the hand.

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Inlaid

An object decorated by inseting/fitting a secondary material in its surface.

Incised

To cut a fine line into the surface less than 2mm wide.

Miniature

Used to describe a small object that resembles that of a larger one. Example: Canoe

Painted

Coated or decorated with paint (solid coloring matter mixed with liquid).

Paddle

Narrow at one end and wide, often rounded, at the other.

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Perforated

Describes an object that has a hole all the way through.

Polished

Describes an object that has been made smooth or glossy by rubbing or friction. Polishing can occur in manufacturing or through use.

Sawed

Manufacturing technique by which a toothed tool is used in a back and forth motion to cut through a material.

Sculpted

To form shape or manipulate by carving, modeling, or otherwise producing a three dimensional objects

Shaft

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Shafts are long, narrow, and cylindrical. They will be socketed in one end in order to hold a forshaft or end-blade.

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Shaving

A small curled or flake like piece of antler or bone that was taken off in the manufacturing process of an object. Commonly produced by adzing.

Slotted

A narrow elongated groove for receiving something

Stripped

When a layer is removed.

Tapered

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Gradual angle that ends in a point.

Whittled

An object that shows signs of being cut, flaked or shaped with a sharp edge by removing small pieces.

Whorl

Attached to a spindle. Acted as a flywheel and a base to hold the spun material.

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Woven

Process by which materials were interlaced to form object.

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