



CRAFTS

The rich history of culture and tradition of Tamilnadu has evolved over centuries. The development of Tamil culture can be seen in the handicrafts of Tamilnadu. They not only speak volumes about the imagination and creativity of the people of this region but also improve the economy of the villages. These crafts are famous all over the world.

Can you name some craft items?



What is a craft?

A craft is an occupation that requires special skill. These skilled persons are called **artisans** or **craftsmen**. They make attractive and useful things.

Name some craft items that we need and use in our day-to-day life

Most of them are made from natural materials. Handicrafts are **eco-friendly** and use materials that are available in nature.

Example: clay, bamboo, coir, palm leaves, reed, jute fibre etc.,

PALMYRA [PANAI]



PALM LEAF



PLATES

BASKETS



BAGS



It is interesting to note that the palm leaves [olai chuvadi] were used to record the events in the beginning.

Brooms, rakes, ropes and brushes that we use to clean our homes are made out of the coir from coconuts.

COCONUT [THENNAI]



COIR

ROPE



TEA CUPS



BROOM



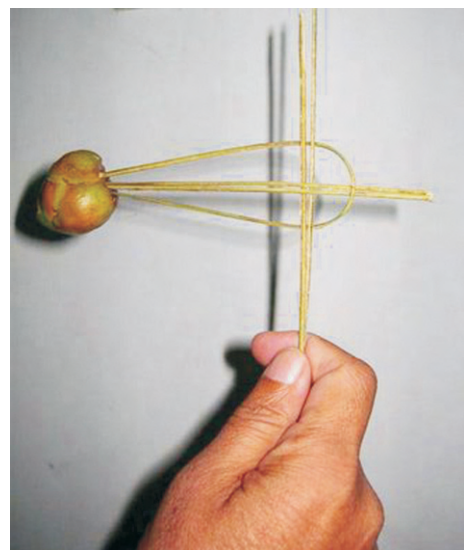
HANDICRAFTS

MAKE A TOY WITH A BABY COCONUT

MATERIALS NEEDED

- 😊 BROOMSTICKS
- 😊 BABY COCONUT

I Insert the broom sticks into the baby coconut as shown in the picture. hold it upside down and rotate it gently. Can you hear the sound tick...tick.....tick.....



Do you know?

The word 'coir' comes from the Tamil word, 'kayiru'

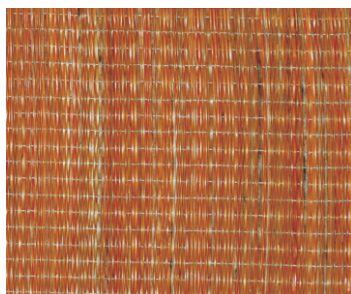
BAMBOO [MOONGIL]



The bamboo plant grows very fast. Certain varieties of bamboo can grow up to three feet in 24 hours. Many useful and fancy things are made out of it. In Tamilnadu the ancient martial art of **silambam** is practised with a bamboo stick only. **Flute**, which is made out of bamboo can produce the most mesmerizing music.

Have you heard the mythological stories about Lord Krishna?

CANE [PIRAMBU], and various grasses and reeds like [KORAI PUL].



Beautiful reed mats are crafted out of korai grass with cotton or silk. **Korai** grass is found in abundance along the banks of the rivers and in marshy areas in Tamilnadu. Earlier only black and red colours were used in mats; but now with the introduction of chemical dyes a wide range of colours are used. **Pathamadaai** a village in Tirunelveli district is famous for these mats. The innovative craftsmen of Tamilnadu have used even banana and pineapple fibres to make attractive products. The main centres of these crafts are **Dharmapuri, Salem, Coimbatore, South Arcot and Tiruchirapalli districts.**

JUTE [SANAL]



MUD [CLAY]



Items made from mud have contributed to our culture, housing and roads, since ancient times. Bricks have been made in Tamilnadu for thousands of years. Perhaps the making of bricks is one of the earliest crafts known to man!

Can you think of one such item?



POTTERY



The distinctive feature of pottery lies in its highly artistic shapes, original colours in glazes and excellent ornamentation. The red and black earthen ware of **Vellore** (North Arcot district) and the black pottery of **Karukurichi** (Tirunelveli District) are known for their beauty.



Thanjavur dolls of Tamilnadu are very famous all over the world.