

## General African Artefacts

Code	Name	Description	Notes
AFGEN01 AFGEN02 AFGEN03	Oware Boards	Wooden boards with counters and instructions	Oware is played throughout Africa and is the oldest board game in the world still being played today. Different versions of the game have existed for 7,000 years!
AFGEN04	Child's Clothes (boy)	Shirt and trousers - cotton pattern - black/brown/cream/red. West African style now worn in many parts of Africa	Cool comfortable clothes made from locally grown cotton cloth. This is a typical African cloth that uses a simple fish pattern, just a few colours, and plenty of black.
AFGEN05 AFGEN06	Gourd bowls	Plain gourd bowl	The <b>gourd</b> (also called <b>calabash</b> ) comes from a vine grown for its fruit. The fruits are usually spherical, pear or bottle shaped. The fruits are hollowed out, dried and used as in the kitchen as bowls for things such as rice or for carrying water.  <b>Gourds</b> are used for all sorts of things. For example, they are also used in making musical instruments like the <b>marimba</b> (finger piano).  What other uses can you think of?
AFGEN07	Gourd bowl	Painted and varnished	
AFGEN08	Gourd bowl	Decorated - large	
AFGEN09	Mosquito Net	Green netting	A mosquito net stops the mosquito biting you while you are asleep. Mosquitos in hot

			<p>countries carry the disease <b>Malaria</b> which can kill you. Mosquito nets save many peoples' lives in Africa.</p>
AFGEN10	Recycled Rubber Sandals		<p>People in Africa do a lot of recycling and rubber tyres are recycled into shoes. These are the simplest and the cheapest sandal available in Ghana. They are sometimes called <b>Charlie Wate</b> sandals. In Ghana this means 'Charlie, let's go!'</p>
AFGEN11	Glass fishing floats	Clear glass spheres, one green tinted, one purple tinted. Encased loosely in twine netting	<p>These are used by fishermen on the coast and are attached to nets. They float on the surface so that fishermen know where their nets are.</p> <p>You can see the blob where the liquid molten glass was attached to a blow pipe and blown (like bubble gum)</p>
AFGEN12	Broken Ostrich shell		<p>These pieces of eggshell are shaped by grinding the edges into tiny discs and then used to make necklaces and other jewellery.</p>
AFGEN13	Botswanan Wall Hanging	Tan and brown - silhouettes of cattle (cattle = cows, bulls, young and old)	<p>These pictures show how important cattle were to the people of Botswana in the olden days. Every family would try to have as many cattle as possible - they were a bit like a bank account. When times were good the family would buy more cattle and when times were hard, the cattle could be sold.</p>

			Today Botswana is one of the richest countries in Africa because diamonds are mined there. But even so, the people still like their cattle.
AFGEN14	Maize flour	Plastic bag with small amount of flour	This flour is made from grinding the dried corn from the 'cob' The flour is then cooked with water until its like mashed potatoes. This is what many people in Africa eat every day.
AFGEN15	Maize cob	Dried maize cob (need to go with pot)	This is also used for pressing into clay pots for making decorative patterns
AFGEN16	Afro comb	Plastic comb	The tradition African comb has these widely spaced prongs. It is used as a 'pick for hair sculpture. It is usually made of wood, and sometimes other material, e.g., ivory or bone.
AFGEN17	Elephant Grass brush	Blades of coarse grass bound together at one end to form a handle	This natural brush is used in many parts of Eastern and Southern Africa especially in country areas where the natural materials are freely available. Elephant grass grows tall enough for elephants to hide in!