

Africa: Eastern and Southern Artefacts

Code	Name	Description	Notes
AFES01	Woven village scene picture	A woven village made from wool with scenes including hut, people, daily activity, dancing, hoeing.	From South Africa Made by pupils at a South African school. What material do you think has been woven?
AFES02	Modern clay pot	Small handmade, clay pot with impressed bead decoration in band and loops externally. Grey, orangy brown	Handmade in Lusaka, Zambia 1995 by elderly woman potter who dug the clay out of a river bank, made the pot and fired it herself. She was sad that none of the young people in her area wanted to learn and carry on the traditional skill. Zambians were adamant that stews cooked in earthenware pots were tastier than those cooked in metal ones.
AFES03	Wooden mask	Wooden mask carved from single piece of wood. Central section of 'hair' missing.	This is from Malawi and is sold as a tourist item. Malawians are well known for their skill in wood carving. Look on the inside. Can you see the curve of the tree trunk?

AFES04	Gudza bag	Large, two handled shoulder bag with horizontal stripes in brown and cream	Gudza comes from Chimanimani in the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe. Gudza is woven from a very stringy type of tree bark that has been chewed and dyed in shades of brown and cream. The bark fibres are soaked to soften it before being woven. Traditionally it is chewed before being dyed and woven
AFES05	Gudza bag	Small, brown, roughly made bag with single shoulder strap. Band of cream and dark brown pattern.	
AFES06	Gudza mat with pattern	Large floor mat	
AFES07	Gudza hat	Gudza hat with fringe	
AFES08A AFES08B	N'shima wooden spoons	Large flat wooden spoon with burnt and carved decorated handle	These Zimbabwean spoons are used for serving up maize meal porridge called <i>nshima</i> that is the staple carbohydrate food of much of southern Africa. <i>Nshima</i> is served with relishes that are made from vegetables or meat.
AFES09	N'shima wooden spoon	Double ended spoon	As above. The flat end is used for making the porridge like food. It has to be beaten (like an egg), during cooking to stop it becoming lumpy. the spoon end is used for serving.
AFES10	Food cover	Made from woven straw and painted with fruits. Handle at top and loop for hanging up	Kenya. Used to cover food to protect from flies, heat and dust.
AFES11	Tea Box	Small wooden box containing loose tea	Tanganda Tea Special Blend box from Zimbabwe imitating a full size tea chest. Tanganda Tea is the biggest grower and producer of tea and coffee in Zimbabwe and one of the biggest tea producers in Africa . It is one of the largest food companies in Africa

AFES12	Coffee bean packet	From Mount Kenya	From Kenya. coffee is grown in the highlands of Kenya
AFES13	Toothbrush stick	Stick from Tanzania.	A stick from a special tree called the <i>Mswaki</i> tree (Swahili), is used as a chewing stick to clean teeth and gums. Its very effective and is often sold in cities in eastern and southern Africa.
AFES14	Elephant dung picture frame	Picture frame	This picture frame is made from handmade paper, which itself was made from elephant dung! Elephant dung is very fibrous because elephants eat so much vegetation and can be made into paper.
AFES15	Shallow basket	Flat bottomed basket made from straw in beige, orange and dark red	The grasses used to bind the straw are probably dyed using natural vegetable dyes.
AFES 16	Matamba salt and pepper set and plus 5 hollowed out matamba	Matamba monkey orange salt and pepper set. Blackened on outside, with triangular pattern and warthog design cut into surface	Matamba (<i>strychnos spinosa</i>), from Zimbabwe, is also known as monkey orange. It produces juicy, sweet-sour, yellow fruits. Animals such as baboon, monkeys, bushpig, and antelopes eat the fruit. The leaves are a popular food source for antelopes and elephants. the fruits are dried for many uses including musical instruments. Fruits have been hollowed out and holes drilled into ends.
AFES17	Mask	Mask from Western Zambia	This mask is typical of western Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Made from natural materials it uses traditional colours and patterns and is sold as a tourist item. Contemporary African artists continue to make masks today often using modern materials. See www.octobergallery.co.uk/artists/hazoume/
AFES18	Keyring	Wire and glass bead in shape of chameleon	Key ring made from wire and glass beads in the shape of a chameleon. Typical of toys and nick nacks sold in southern Africa. Chameleons are very good at camouflage and not being seen. They also move in a very slow wobbly way.

AFES 17	Toy car	Toy car from Zimbabwe made from red and purple recycled tin can and bottle tops	Toy car from Zimbabwe made recycled tin can and bottle tops. Can you see the name of the river that divides Zimbabwe from South Africa on one of the wheels?
AFES18	Toy airplane	Toy airplane from South Africa made from recycled coca cola cans	Toy airplane from south Africa made from recycled coca cola cans. How many cans do you estimate have been used to make this plane?
AFES19	Bead bracelet	Made from glass beads and cotton thread with the letters DAR woven into the pattern	These tiny beads are made of glass and the first three letters of the capital of Tanzania are part of the pattern. What is the capital of Tanzania called?
AFES20	2000 shilling note	Quite old and dirty	On the back of is a lion with snow topped Mount Kilimanjaro behind it. On the front is a fort in Zanzibar, an island off the coast of Tanzania, as well as a <i>Makonde</i> wooden carving showing the 'tree of life'
AFES21	Necklace	Made from recycled materials	The tiny beads are made from plastic and the bigger ones from paper. long strips of paper are rolled very tightly around a needle or something similar and then varnished. This necklace was made by Agnes whose family runs a small business making jewellery.
AFES22	Uganda safari tea	Box only of tea from Uganda	Uganda is the world's 13 th largest producer of tea. Tea is made from finely chopped up leaves that grow on bushes on the lower slopes of mountains where the climate is hot and moist. The leaves are picked by hand and only the plant's bud and two young leaves are picked for processing.
AFES23	3 button badges - Kenya	One map of Africa, one of giraffe and one of giraffe with Kenya written	Many people go to Kenya as tourists and they often go on safari to look at the game (wild animals). Is Kenya in East or West Africa? Do you know the names of the 'big 5' animals

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