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Crafts of Jharkhand



Jharkhand also known as a **tribal state** is popular for its various craft including wood work, bamboo work, **pitkar** paintings, tribal ornaments, stone carving, toys etc. These crafts are mostly done by the various tribal people. There are over **32 tribes** that make it **28 %** of the total population of the state.

Did you know.....?

Different tribes of Jharkhand are Baiga, Bathaudi, Asur, Banjara, Bhumij, Bedia, Binjhia, Santhal, Oraon, Birjia, Birhor, Chero, Gond, Karmali, Parhaiya, Chick Baraik, Ho, Kharwar, Khond, Kharia, Gorait, Korba, Kisan, Kora, Lohar, Munda, Mahli, Mal Paharia, Sauria Paharia, Savar etc. According to historians, the tribal communities of Jharkhand date back 5000 years as they found out cave paintings in the region. The 'oldest cave paintings' in India, the "scroll paintings" is by a Jharkhand tribe known as the Shabars, who are now on the verge of extinction. Stone Age tools were discovered in Hazaribagh district and axes and spearheads were found in the Chaibasa area.



Wood craft...



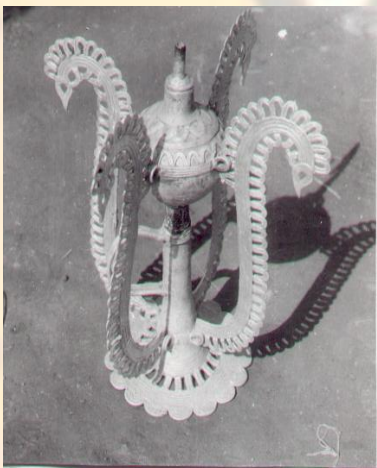
Jharkhand has abundance of wood because of which a variety of wood articles for household requirements are created. Many articles were made out of bamboo including **baskets**, equipments used for **fishing** and **hunting** etc along with **day-to-day use articles** such as window, boxes and the panels of doors. The bamboos found in these forests are thin but flexible and strong.

Paitkar paintings ...

The Paitkar paintings, also called the **scroll paintings**, are mainly based on the theme of **afterlife** or life after death. Some other styles are **Oraon Bhitichitra**, **Santhali Bhitichitra** and **Jado Patiya** which still exists.



Metal work ...



Santhal Tribe



Silver jewellery of Jharkhand



Communities of **Malhar and Tentri** are experts in the metal craft. Metal works of Jharkhand includes the weapons for defensive purposes, ornaments, hunting implements and agricultural equipments along with metal jewellery. The tribals wear **ornaments** made of **gold, silver and beads or precious stones** on their wrists, ear, neck and hair too which are **not very complicated or elaborate**.

**IF YOU ARE ASKED TO MAKE USE OF THE CRAFTS OF JHARKHAND,
WHAT THEMES OR MOTIF WILL YOU USE IN...**

Woodcraft-----

Paitkar painting-----

Metal craft-----



Toy making ...

Commonly practiced in **hilly regions** of Jharkhand and areas around Ranchi such as **Toupadana**, toys are interesting pieces which are wooden cut outs, glossed with canary paint or painted with bright colors depicting the nature around. There **puppets** are usually made from palm leaf painted in silver colour with pink dots and finger paintings. There are toys depicting the wedding of **Lord Rama**, **Lord Ganesha**,

human figures with angular lines and no limbs, toys with wheels and a string etc. Toys are also made of **jute**.

STONE CARVING IS ANOTHER TRADITIONAL CRAFT AMONG THE JHARKHANDI TRIBES WHICH IS FACING EXTINCTION. LACK OF PROMOTION AND MARKETING FOR THESE PRODUCTS ARE RESULTING IN EXTINCTION FOR CRAFTS SUCH AS PAITKAR PAINTINGS. CAN YOU SUGGEST FEW STEPS TO PROMOTE CRAFTS OF JHARKHAND?

Musical instruments ...

Types of music in Jharkhand are **Dohari**, **Domkach**, **Janani**, **Jhumar**, **Mardana**, **Daidhara**, **Pahilsanjha**, **Adhratiya**, **Vinsariya** etc and dances are **Paika**, **Chaw**, **Jadur**, **Karma** etc. So musical instruments such as **Kadri**, **Gupijantra**, **Sarangi** and **Tuila**, **Vyang**, **Anandlahri**, **Bansuri** etc are a major part of culture and festivals.

Interesting to know...

Tribes India, an emporium in Fort Kochi, Kerala was opened in 2008 displaying beautiful crafted products. The products includes metal crafts from Chattisgarh and Jharkhand, products made from natural fibers, grasses, palms, cane, rattan and bamboo of North Eastern India, beads and silver jewellery from Madhya Pradesh etc.