

CHAPTER- 29

Handicraft of Chhattisgarh

Carefully look at the picture given below :



Identify and name the artifacts given in the picture above.

What kind of workman ship is required to make the items look artistic? Discuss in group and write.

Artisans give an artistic form to the things skillfully.

There must be artisans staying in your neighbourhood-

Go and find out-

What all do they make?

Which raw material do they require to make these artifacts?

What do they do to make it look attractive?

How much time is taken to make these things?

Where do they sell these things?

Do they exhibit those things?

Collect information regarding different artifacts made by different artisans, in the table given below:

S. No.	Name of the artifact/item	How is it made?	What is done to make it look artistic	Uses
1
2
3
4
5
6

The artisans of Chhattisgarh use clay, bamboo, brass, iron, wood etc. to create beautiful artifacts. They are given different shapes and decorated with colours and engraved flowers, leaves, birds, animals etc. This makes it look very attractive. These artifacts are sold at a high prize in the market. The craftwork of the state of Chattisgarh is recognized both in India and abroad.

Wood Craft

Bastar Anchal is famous for producing engraved items of wood and metal. Even a knife sickle, handle of farming tools, wooden stool, comb, flute and other decorative items are artistically engraved in Bastar Anchal. The sculpted doors and pillars of houses, temples, the swing of the lord etc. are wonderful examples of the wood craft of this place. The wooden masks worn for folk dances are highly artistic.

You should also collect information of artifacts made of wood and fill up the table given below:

S. No.	Name of the wooden artifact	Use

Terracotta Craft

Even today, Chattisgarh is famous for its clay vessels, idols of deities, lamp stands and pots to store grain.

The terracotta of Bastar has a special place in craft. The images made are related to life, nature and religion. This form of art is famous all over India.

What are the various designs made on things of terracota?



Metal Craftwork

Iron craft holds a special place in traditional craft. The craftsmen of Bastar create various pieces of art used in the



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Diagram of Terracotta craft

worshipping of Gods and goddesses. The use of craft as decorative items is also very popular.

People belonging to the 'Gharwa' class use brass and bronze to create various pieces of art. The heated metal is put into moulds to create various images. This is why it is called 'Gharwa Craft'.



Collect information on things made of metal in your village/town and fill up the table given below:

S. No.	Things made of iron	Things made of brass
1
2
3
4
5

Find out from your elders how designing is done on metal items?

Bamboo craft

Bamboo baskets of different shapes and sizes are used for different purposes. They are also used in marriage and religious occasions. In Chhattisgarh, for the purpose of wedding, artistic baskets with lid called 'Jhanpi', (A kind of artistic basket with a lid) fan and the crown (a 'Maur') which is worn by the bride-groom, are made.

What things are made of bamboo in your surroundings? collect information and fill up the table given below :

S. No.	Name of item made with bamboo	Its use
1
2
3
4
5

Rajwar Bhatti Craft

The home decoration of the Rajwar is unique in itself. Beautiful nets for windows and courtyard are made. Apart from this, artifacts of earthen lamps, snakes, birds/animals etc. are also made. White clay and the local colours add life to these pieces of art. Observe houses around you. Find out the kind of painting made on the walls of the houses. Draw any one in the space given :



Rajwar Bhatti craft

What have We Learnt?

Oral

1. Which music is produced by the folk musical instrument made of bamboo?
2. What is terracotta craft?

Written

1. Art facts made of metal are known by which craft?
2. What all things can be made with bamboo? Name any five.
3. Name the wooden artifacts made in Bastar?
4. What all is done to make the artifact look attractive?

Match the following

Swing for the lord, handles, stools

Idol of a deity, lamp stands

Jhanpi, peacock

Bamboo craft

Wood craft

Terracotta

Find Around You

1. Collect information on the various works of art made in your village/town.

