



# Aboriginal Inventions: The Woomera

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# What is a Woomera?

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- A Woomera is a wooden device created by aboriginals used to aid with spear throwing. It affectively lengthens the user's arm, allowing for higher throwing velocity, and easier hunting, it also served as a tray and cutting tool.



# How was a Woomera Made & What was it Made From?

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- A Woomera is a wooden and stone device used for spear throwing. It was made of shaped hardwood. The Aboriginal people carved it until it was long and thin, and then a stone base was attached to hold a spear head. This stone was called a Tula Adze and was attached with black gum from the triodia plant, with the wood made from the Mulga tree, which primarily grows in the arid, hot outback.



# What was it Used for?

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- The Woomera was extremely useful to the Aboriginal people. It was a huge advantage to travel light, as it allowed for easier travelling and being more contact. Since the Woomera didn't only serve as a spear thrower, but also a tray and something to cut things with, it was extremely useful, as they didn't need to carry as much.



# What is Used Today for the Same Purpose?

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- Since the Woomera was used for hunting, today, rifles and bows, as well as other weapons, like pistols are used for the same purpose, but since it served as a cutting tool and tray, plates, bowls, knives and scissors are also used for the same purpose.



# Was the Woomera Used by all Language Groups?

- The Woomera was used all around Australia but was called different things. The name Woomera was used by the south eastern language groups, primarily the Eora nation, which is located in Sydney, NSW.

