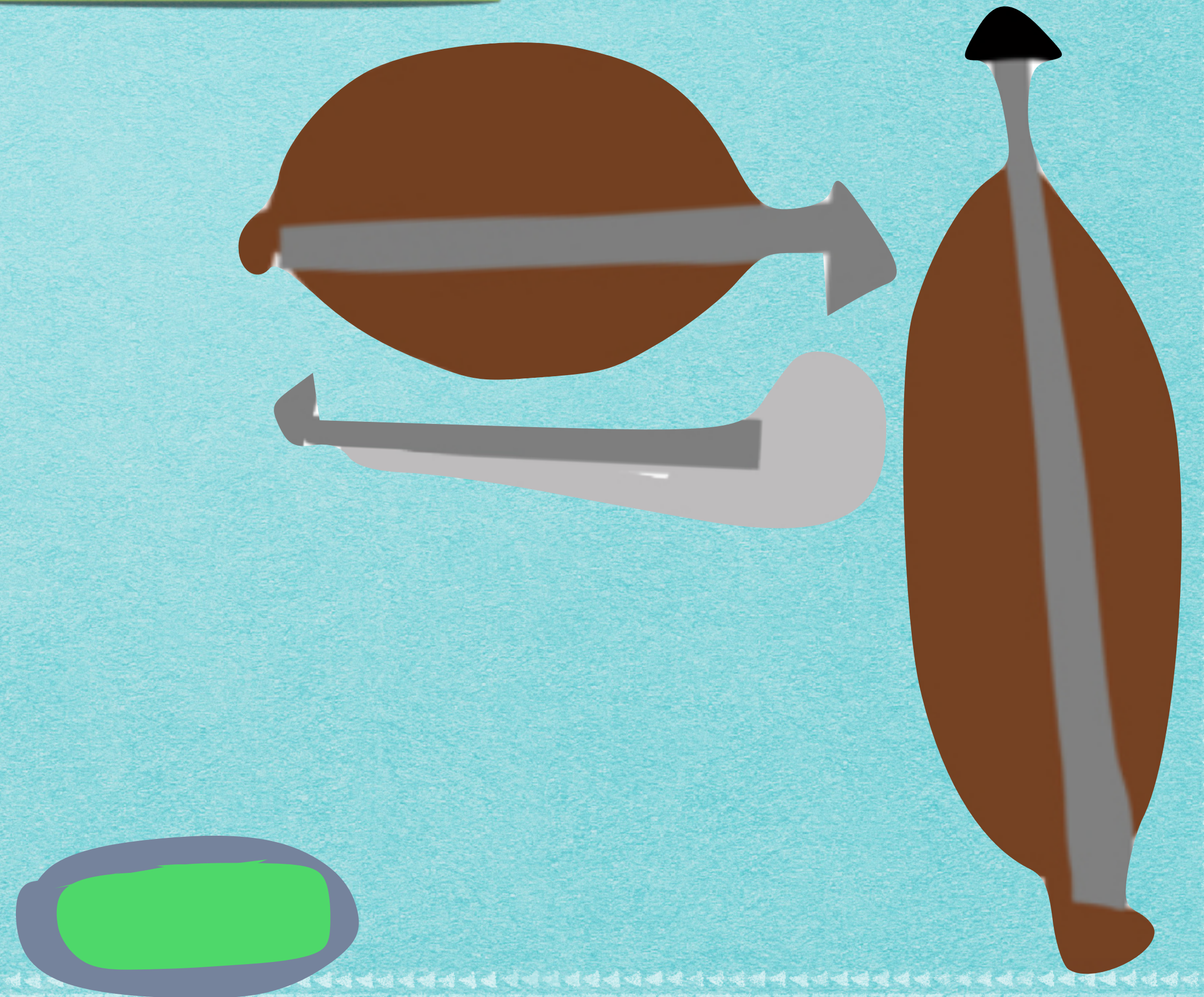


The woomera
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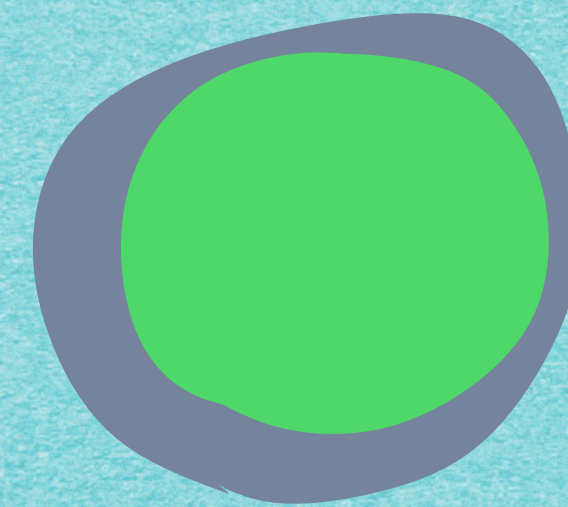
What is a Woomeera?

A woomeera is an Aboriginal invention that is used for throwing spears. The wooden spear thrower has a wide middle, and lumped edges with a bowl thing in the middle. That is where you would put the spear. The woomeera also has many more uses. Woomeeras from different areas means that they all look different. South western Australia has a fatter hull and a smaller peg. Woomeeras from North Queensland have a really thin middle and a big round peg at the end. If you are curious about what other woomeeras look like click on this to see more.



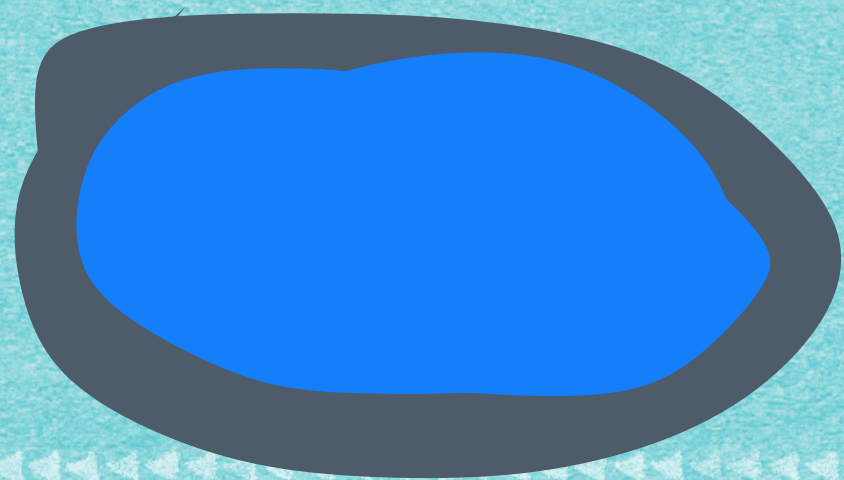
What is a woomera made from?

A woomera is made of a special kind of wood called mulga wood. Mulga wood comes from the mulga tree and is a oak brown colour. Mulga wood trees are only found in areas in or near the Outback. If you are curious about mulga wood trees click on this.



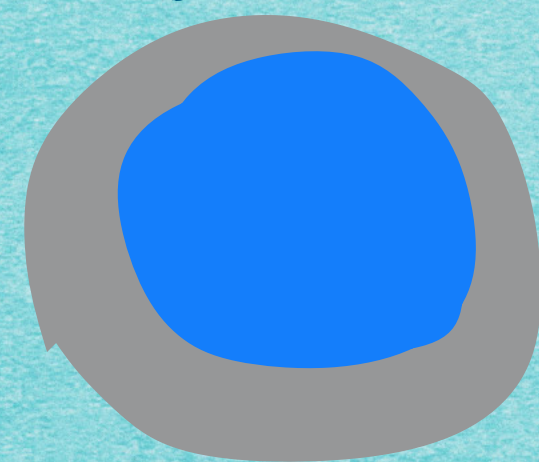
How do you make a woomera?

You make a woomera by shaping a piece of hardwood into a long thin handle and attaching a stone to the base will hold the spear in place. You use mulga wood. A special wood that can be found in or near the Outback and is also called the Australian Acacia. Click on this to see a more.



what are woomeras used for?

Woomeras are used for: chopping meat, killing animals, can be used as a spear thrower and can chop wood to make shelters. The mulga wood is strong enough to kill and cut animals and is sharp enough to chop wood. But it's main purpose is to throw spears. If you want to see more purposes click on this. This website also has other aboriginal tools and creations.



what do we use today for the same purpose?

Now days we would use a knife to cut meat, an axe to chop wood, a gun to kill animals and a javillon throwing device (if that even exists) to throw spears instead of using a woomera.

Did all the Aboriginal tribes use it?

The Eora tribe of Sydney were the first to use the woomera and gave it the name. Woomera means spear-thrower. Makes sense. Here is a map. Other tribes used the woomera too. The Malkana tribes used it and the Giya tribe also used it.

