

woomera



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What is it ?

- A woomera is an Aboriginal weapon that the aboriginals used a lot for hunting and it was one of the first and most used weapons that aboriginals used about a thousand years ago. It was made for hunting but the animal that they mostly made it for was a ones that they could not go close to and had to use for long distance.



What is it made from ?



- It was first made from mulga wood which was the first type of wood that was in the world and was used mostly for weapons that the aboriginals made for when the British people came to Australia for takeover but it was not strong enough for them to keep their land.

How was it made ?



- It was first made by a few aboriginal men who were making weapons for hunting and they found out it was very strong and that this would be a very good long distance weapon to use on animals. Typically the woomera was made by shaping a piece of hardwood into a long thin handle and attaching a stone to the base to a spear in place.

What was it used for?



- It was used and made for hunting from long distance so that people would not have to go close to animals and not get hurt when they need food. As well as that is what it was made for people. On Dunk Island in Queensland a favourite target for spear-throwing contests was the white ant nests hanging from the gum trees

What do people use for the same reason?

- People use guns, fishing rods, spears and a lot of other things for hunting which is very different to the weapons the aboriginals used about 1000 years ago such as a (woomera). Did you know people still use woomeras today for hunting and they are very useful.



What different aboriginal groups used this?

- The woomera was used by aboriginal boys and men all over Australia and they still use it today. There are lots of tribes that use the woomera and they all used it for the same reason. They use it for cutting meat after they had thrown it from a long distance.



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