

Chapter 2

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Handicraft commonly refers to a skilled activity in which something is made in a traditional way with the hands rather than being produced by machines in a factory or an object made by such an activity.

India is a manufacturing hub of varied kinds of handicrafts, which are popular even in international markets. Name these handicrafts.

1. Mostly made in West Bengal, Assam and Tripura.



2. Vellore district or Tamil Nadu is famous for these handicrafts in India.



3. Items of this handicraft are prepared in Odisha Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.



4. The manufacturing of this brassware is mainly done in Rajasthan.



5. This kind of pottery is supposed to be one of the most ancient forms of handicrafts in India. There are multiple types of this kind of pottery like terracotta, red, black, and grey pottery in India. People engaged in this craft are called 'Kumhaars'. Items like clay pots, decorative items, jewellery etc. are widely used all over the country.



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The huge range of this craft includes bags, office stationeries, bangles and other jewellery, footwear, wall-hangings and many more. West Bengal, Assam and Bihar lead the handicrafts market in India.



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The oldest form of handicraft is known for its traditional simplicity. This tribal handicraft originated in Madhya Pradesh. The other states involved in the making of such handicrafts are West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha. It is famous for its unique items portraying folk characters.



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This term denotes skills and experience in matters relating to living and thriving in that item. This craft was prevalent in India even before the timestone sculpture came into existence. Varied goods are created by the skilled craftsmen by shaping a piece of wood. Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh are known for their unique form of woodwork. Axes, toys, utensils, decorative places, jewellery and many more designer household goods like lamp shades, candle stands, vermillion boxes, jewellery boxes, bangle holders, etc are some of the common examples of these crafts used in almost every Indian house.



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Vibrant coloured papers are combined together to form varied crafts like kites, masks, decorative flowers, lampshades, puppets, hand fans etc. Papier Mache, developed in the Mughal era is even a famous form of this handicraft in India.





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Prevalence of rock carving, one of the primitive arts can be seen in the states of Rajasthan (Jaipur), Odisha and Maharashtra (Nagpur). Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are famous for marble stone carvings. Green coloured stone art is the speciality of Madhya Pradesh. Age-old temples of Odisha are the world famous examples of this craft in India. Numerous utensils, decorative pieces, stone jewellery and statues are made from rocks.

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