

Stone Age Design Technology Activity

Make a Stone Age Weapon

To use research and develop design criteria for functional products that are fit for purpose and aimed at a particular audience.

To design and make a stone age weapon.

The stone age was a time when people used stone to make tools and weapons. It started about 2.5 million years ago and ended when the bronze age began in Britain around 2500 BC. Stone age people were able to select stones to meet their three basic needs: shelter, food and clothing.

Become an ingenious inventor and create a stone age tool or weapon using materials that would have been available to your stone age ancestors.

You will need:

- strong card
- string
- scissors
- a variety of stones (flat, shaped, small, large)
- different types of wood (dowelling, sticks, driftwood)



What to do:

1. Research stone age tools and weapons to understand how simple the materials were and how they were created.
2. Choose the materials you want and draw your design on the design sheet.
3. When you're choosing a stone, look for particular features. A heavy stone would be good for grinding; a small hard round stone would be good for use in a slingshot; and a flat edge might be useful for cutting.
4. Do you need to use wood to create a handle? Is the wood strong enough?
5. You could use cardboard instead of stone and shape it to represent the flint used in spears and arrows.
6. How will you attach your materials? Stone age people would have used plant fibres or sinew from animal carcasses, but you can use string to join materials. Make sure you have tied them securely.