

Carving Scavenger Hunt

Explore carved museum objects and go on a scavenger hunt at home!

The Museum of the North's collections include many carved objects. Since ancient times, people have carved tools and everyday objects they needed to survive, as well as cultural artifacts and artwork. In Alaska, many carvings are made from antler, wood, soapstone, ivory, or bone.

Go on a scavenger hunt! Look at these carved museum objects, then find a similar object in your home. What is your object made of? How is it the same or different? (Your object does not need to be carved or look the same as in the picture).



Mustard Spoons (*Aluuttautit*), Iñupiaq
UA2001-013-0110AD

These spoons are carved from mammoth ivory!

**Can you find spoons in your home?
What kinds of spoons do you have?**



Snow Goggles, Yup'ik
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These carved wooden snow goggles protect eyes from the bright sun.

Can you find sunglasses in your home?

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Miniature Kayaks and Umiaks
Geist Collection

Iñupiaq children played with these toy kayaks and umiaks, carved from wood and ivory.

Can you find a favorite toy?



Full-Crowned Hunting Hat, by Jacob Simeonoff, ED94-2-3

This Aleut hunting hat is beautifully decorated.

Find a pretty hat.



Grass Comb, Yup'ik, ca. 1880

This carved bone comb was used to straighten bundles of grass.

Find a comb to brush hair!



Chain, Siberian Yup'ik, 1-1939-0738

This chain was carved out of ivory!

Can you find something that could be used to tie two things together?

Imagine that the objects you found around your home are in a museum. What story do they tell about life in your home? Everyday objects can tell us a lot about how people live! Museums collect objects so we can remember how people lived throughout history.