

How Things Are Made by Hand

Chapter 11: Making Things · Topic 1

Key Concept

A potter shapes clay by hand or using a pottery wheel to make pots, plates, and decorative items, which are then dried and often baked in a kiln.

Weavers use a loom to interlace threads and create cloth, like sarees and carpets, requiring skill and patience to make beautiful patterns.

Handmade items often take longer to make than machine-made items, but they can be unique, and each item reflects the skill of its maker.

Learning about handmade crafts helps us appreciate traditional skills and the artisans who keep these crafts alive despite modern machine-made alternatives.

Quick Revision Notes

- A potter shapes clay to make pots and plates.
- Pottery is often baked in a kiln.
- Weavers use a loom to make cloth.
- Weaving requires skill and patience.
- Handmade items can take longer to make than machine-made items.
- Handmade items are often unique.
- Learning about crafts builds appreciation for artisans.
- Traditional skills are passed down through generations.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find a handmade item at home and describe it.
- 2 Research how pottery is made.
- 3 Research how weaving is done.
- 4 Discuss why handmade items can be special.
- 5 Try a simple hand-craft activity, like folding or moulding.
- 6 Talk to someone who knows a traditional craft skill.