

Object 1 – Weaving

What is it?	A basket
What is it made of?	Palm leaves
What is it used for?	It is used to carry anything from the market or anywhere
How is it used?	Used for carrying groceries, etc.
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Shopping bags
How is it made?	The palms are mixed with color and then woven together
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Both men and women make baskets

Object 2 – Looming

What is it?	Scarf, or other loomed item
What is it made of?	Cotton and fibers
What is it used for?	Keeping warm, decoration, religious sign
How is it used?	Wrap around head and/or body in a variety of ways
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Scarves, shawls, headscarf
How is it made?	Done on a loom, woven. Cotton is picked, spun, colored, and loomed/woven
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Mostly men

Object 3 – Injera Baskets / Sifters

What is it?	Sifter
What is it made of?	Strong grass
What is it used for?	Sifting rocks/clay, cleaning beans, fruits, vegetables, sifting teff or flour

How is it used?	Put items in basket and shake until the smaller items fall through the holes and out the bottom
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Sifter
How is it made?	Strong grass is collected from near homes, grass is dried for one month, then woven into the basket
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Women

Object 4 – Coffee Pot

What is it?	Coffee Pot
What is it made of?	Clay/mud – the holder is made from False Banana leaves
What is it used for?	Used for making coffee
How is it used?	Water is boiled in the pot, ground coffee is added to the boiling water, the coffee is left to brew for 3-5 minutes and then poured into cups
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Coffee pot – metal
How is it made?	Dirt is sifted into fine particles, water is then added and clay is formed. The clay is then molded into a coffee pot shape. It is left to dry for a few days and then heated in a fire.
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Women

Object 5 – Wooden Objects

What is it?	A. Ladder B. Axe C. Stool D. Gurney E. Wheelbarrow
What is it made of?	A. Eucalyptus tree and nails B. Handle from eucalyptus tree, point from metal C. Wood, from a strong tree D. Eucalyptus tree and nails E. Eucalyptus tree and nails

What is it used for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Reaching higher places/items B. Cutting things down C. Sitting on D. Moving objects from one place to another E. Moving objects from one place to another
How is it used?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Place on solid ground, lean against solid object and climb up B. Grab handle and swing at item to be cut down or apart C. Set on ground and sit on it D. Need two people. Place items to be moved on the center, each person grabs the handles and then they carry the items to the new location E. Place items to be moved on the center, grab the handles and move the items by pushing the handles and making the front wheel move
What does the United States have that compares to it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ladder - metal B. Axe C. Stool - metal D. Not really anything E. Wheelbarrow – plastic
How is it made?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. By cutting trees into appropriate sizes and nailing the pieces together B. Putting a piece of wood onto the metal C. Carving out the stool shape from a larger piece of wood D. By cutting trees into appropriate sizes and nailing the pieces together E. By cutting trees into appropriate sizes and nailing the pieces together
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Men B. Men C. Men D. Men E. Men

Object 6 – Flags

What is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ethiopian National Flag B. Wolaita Zone Flag
What is it made of?	Cotton, fibers
What is it used for?	Showing patriotic support

How is it used?	Flown outside of buildings, hung on walls
What does the United States have that compares to it?	USA flag, State flag
How is it made?	Woven
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Machines

Object 7 – Recycled Toys

What is it?	Toys
What is it made of?	Recycled materials
What is it used for?	Children to play with
How is it used?	Depends on the toy, but most are rolled across the ground
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Plastic, store-bought toys
How is it made?	By taking various “trash” items and putting them together into toy form
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Both/neither/children

Object 8 – Drink Labels

What is it?	Drink label
What is it made of?	Plastic
What is it used for?	Labeling ingredients in foods, beverages, etc.
How is it used?	Put on outside container of food/beverage
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Drink labels
How is it made?	At manufacturing plant
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Neither – machine

Object 9 – Toothbrush

What is it?	Toothbrush
What is it made of?	Wood – “Goat Lemon” tree
What is it used for?	Brushing teeth
How is it used?	Put in mouth, chew on wood until it gets moist and spreads, then brush teeth with the “bristles”
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Toothbrush
How is it made?	Tiny branches are taken and pattern is carved into them
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Men/boys

Object 10 – Mortar and Pestle

What is it?	Mortar & Pestle ; Coffee grinder
What is it made of?	Wood
What is it used for?	Grinding coffee beans, spices, peppers, herbs
How is it used?	Put the item to be ground in the pestle and smash/grind the item with the mortar
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Coffee grinder
How is it made?	Take a large piece of wood and carve it into the needed shape
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Men

Object 11 – Transportation

<p>What is it?</p>	<p>A. Bajaj B. Donkey and Cart C. Motorcycles D. Truck E. Donkey</p>
<p>What is it made of?</p>	<p>A. Metal, rubber, plastic, fabric B. Animal and Wood C. Metal, rubber, plastic, fabric D. Metal, rubber, plastic, fabric E. Animal</p>
<p>What is it used for?</p>	<p>A. Moving people B. Moving objects, sometimes people C. Moving people D. Moving objects E. Moving water, objects</p>
<p>How is it used?</p>	<p>A. Like a taxi cab - people sit inside, it drives people to their destination B. Donkey is attached to cart, donkey pulls cart and items on the cart C. Like a taxicab – a person sits behind the driver and is driven to his/her destination D. Like a semi-truck – it hauls heavy, bulky items to desired locations E. Used for carrying wood, water, grasses, food, etc. that are too heavy for people to carry to the desired location</p>
<p>What does the United States have that compares to it?</p>	<p>A. Taxicab, city bus B. Horse and buggy (Amish) C. Motorcycles D. Truck E. Tractor</p>
<p>How is it made?</p>	<p>A. Metal B. Animal and wood/nails/tires C. Metal D. Metal E. Animal</p>
<p>Do men, women, both, or neither make it?</p>	<p>A. Men/Machines B. Nature and Men C. Men/Machines D. Men/Machines E. Neither - Nature</p>

Object 12 – Shoes

What is it?	Shoes
What is it made of?	Plastic
What is it used for?	Protecting feet from the hard surfaces of the ground
How is it used?	Put on feet and walked on
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Rubber/cloth shoes
How is it made?	Molded in factories
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Neither – machines

Object 13 – Money

What is it?	Money – Ethiopian Birr
What is it made of?	Paper, metal
What is it used for?	Payment for items/goods
How is it used?	One person exchanges an agreed upon amount with another person
What does the United States have that compares to it?	United States Dollar
How is it made?	Government billing press
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Neither – machines

Object 14 – Lawn Mower

What is it?	Lawn Mower / sickle
What is it made of?	Metal and wooden handle
What is it used for?	Cutting grass, removing weeds
How is it used?	Grass is held in one hand and the sickle is swung through the grass needing to be cut. Or the tip is dug into the ground removing weeds by the root.

What does the United States have that compares to it?	Lawn Mower, Weed Whacker, Weed Eater
How is it made?	Metal is heated until it can be bent into a curve and a wooden handle is added
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Men

Object 15 – Cell Phone

What is it?	Cell Phone
What is it made of?	Metal, plastic, electronics
What is it used for?	Calling people, taking pictures
How is it used?	A phone number is input and it calls the desired number
What does the United States have that compares to it?	Cell phone – typically Smartphone
How is it made?	In a factory – plastic, electronics and metal are put together in the appropriate format
Do men, women, both, or neither make it?	Neither – machines

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