

# MYSTERY ARTIFACTS: ARE THEY IN YOUR HOME?

## THEME: KITCHEN

Museums collect and care for many artifacts. You might be amazed to find some of these “artifacts” are frequently used in your home! Can you find a modern “artifact” in your home?



The dictionary describes an artifact as an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest.

### Directions:

1. Go to [www.kalamazoomuseum.org](http://www.kalamazoomuseum.org)
2. Select the History & Collections tab
3. Click Searchable Collection Database
4. In the search box put in the numbers and search

### ARTIFACT ITEMS:

38.386	97.18.5
2003.62.2	38.675 & 58.37
61.102	78.4857 & 91.4.3
2007.7.28.2	92.58.2.1
94.50.1	99.1.85
99.1.94	2005.27.3.1 & 88.5.8
2018.53.48	2018.8.1 (go down to picture #12)

### What is the item?

Look at the picture and figure out what it is made from. Discuss your ideas with your family.

You will find some interesting materials. They are sometimes listed to the right of the item.

Now look in your kitchen. Do you have the same or a newer model of this item?

How is your “artifact” different from the one in our Collection Database?

Is your “artifact” made from different materials? A different design or shape? What is your “artifact” used for? Are both artifacts used the same way?

