Hmong Cultural Artifacts Presentation

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dab tuav ncuav = rice pounder

Used to make rice cakes for the traditional Hmong New Year
Nruas neeb = Shaman's Cymbal

Hmong Shamans use this instrument during religious ceremonies.
Foob xab = Mechanical Torch

Mechanical Torch Used By Hmong for Starting Fires
Tuam Tshij = Hammer

Used by Hmong for pounding stakes into the ground and other similar actions.
Lub nkauj nog ncas or Thaj Chij =
Hmong Two String Violin

Instrument played by Hmong for entertainment
Ncas = Courtship Mouth Harp

Traditionally played by Hmong with the mouth to make music for private courtship purposes.
Hmuv Ntais Pob Kws = Corn Poke

Traditionally used by Hmong to peel corn husks.
Rab hlau tshav = Harvesting Tool

Gardening tool used by Hmong to harvest wheat
Rab liag = Scythe

Scythe used by Hmong to cut wheat
Rab txuas = Chisel

The chisel is a tool traditionally used by Hmong for farming purposes
Rab hlau tshav = Wheat Harvesting Tool

Garden tool used by Hmong to harvest wheat.
Raj ce dej = Bamboo Water Cup

Cup traditionally used by Hmong for transporting and drinking water
Diav nraj tiab = Batik Fabric Tracer

Pattern tracer used by Hmong to make batik designs for clothing
Lub tuj lub = Hmong Tops

A Hmong tops set that is used to play a popular traditional sport in the Hmong culture
Tus txhaum = Hmong Wood Tool

Hmong tool used to work with wood and metal as needed
Tus suam = Basket sweeper

A brush traditionally used by Hmong to clean out rice baskets
Rab txiab = Hmong Shaman’s Scissors

Scissors used by Hmong Shamans in traditional religious ceremonies
Lub pob = Tossing Ball for Courtship

Used by young men and women in the Hmong New Year's courtship ceremonial ball tossing known as Pov Pob (ball toss)
Hlab paj ntaub = Embroidery Piece for Traditional Clothing

Traditional Hmong sewing embroidery piece made to be worn and attached to Hmong clothes
Paj ntuab qwj = Hmong Batik Sewing Pattern

Traditional Hmong Batik sewing pattern
Kaus mom = Hmong Boy’s Hat

Worn by Hmong boys at the time of the New Year
Paj ntaub = Sewing Pattern

Traditional Hmong Sewing Pattern
This piece of embroidery is designed to be attached to the back collar of a Hmong womens' shirt collar.
Kaus mom hmoob xeev =
Traditional Hmong Women's hat

Hmong women commonly wear this hat with Traditional Hmong Costumes
Hlab Siv (Sev) = Apron Sash

Traditional decoration worn by Hmong women to hold the cover on an apron
Txoj hlab dai nyiaj = Traditional Clothing Item with Silver

Article of traditional clothing with silver worn by Hmong men or women
Lub h nab nyiaj = Embroidery Decoration

Hmong traditional silver embroidery decoration
Paj ntaub tawm laug = Needle Work

Hmong traditional needle work
Daim nyias ev me nyuam = Baby Carrier

Traditional baby carrier used by Hmong mothers to help carry babies on their backs.
Poj niam lub tsho = Woman’s Shirt

Traditional Hmong women's shirt
Daim sev ntuab = Hmong apron

Hmong apron with a sash worn in front of a Hmong dress
Poj niam lub tsho = Woman’s Shirt

Traditional Hmong women's shirt
Daim tiab hmoob = Green Hmong Skirt

Traditional Green Hmong women's skirt
Lub tsho khuam = Vest for Males

Traditional Hmong man or boys' vest
Tsev nqeeb = Traditional Hmong House

Model of a traditional Hmong house in Laos or Thailand
Xauv ncais = Necklace

Hmong traditional necklace
Kaus mom ib qaib = Modern Hmong Headdress

Headdress worn as a hat by Hmong women with Hmong Costumes
Daim tiab dawb = White Hmong Dress

White Hmong Women's Dress