

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.

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

Miniature Kayaks and Umiaks
Geist Collection

This Aleut hunting hat is beautifully decorated.

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

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

Grass Comb, Yup'ik, ca. 1880

This chain was carved out of ivory!

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

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.