

# Bamboo & Cane craft

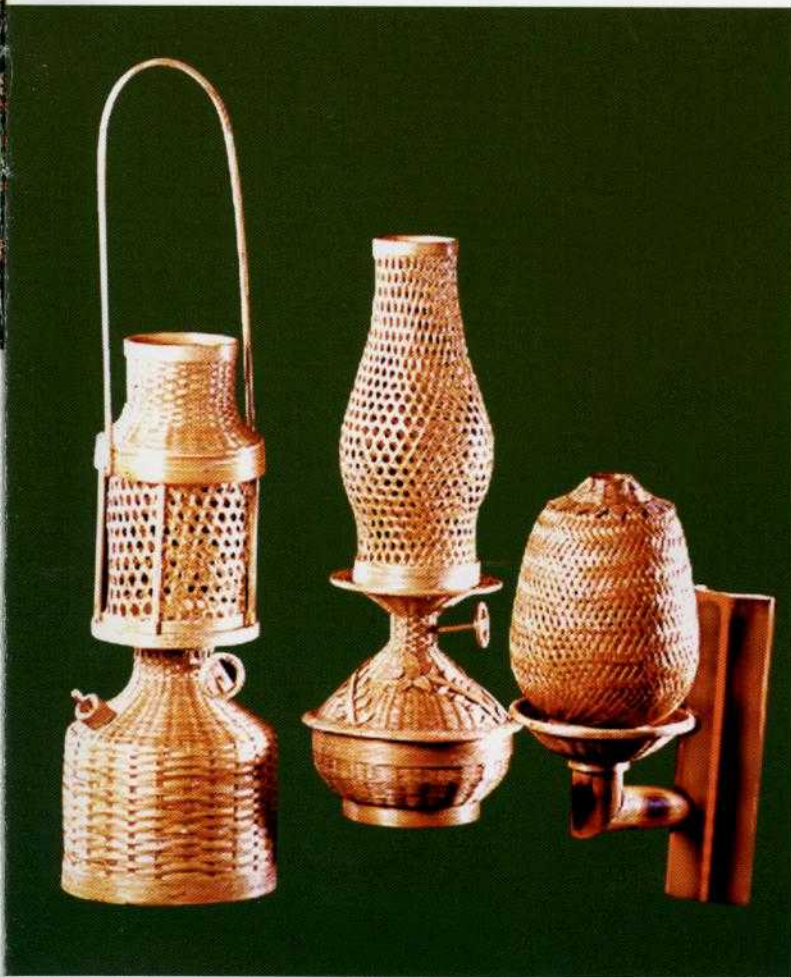
Man has known basket weaving and mat making crafts since the dawn of history. It is thus one of the oldest craft forms. The tribals do most of the basketry and mat making work in India. The tribals, since ancient times, have been using cane and bamboo to give expression to their art and to earn a living.

Today it adorns the homes of the rich and elite and mud-houses alike.

Many useful as well as decorative items are made out of these. Baskets and mats are the most popular items in this category. Fishing contraptions are prepared of bamboo and cane, each with a distinct shape.

One the most interesting and colorful item is bamboo and leaf-headgear for tea garden workers and farmers. A number of designs like leaves, plants and creepers are etched on them. A variety of furniture items are made to suit the modern homes. Many varieties of Bamboo as well as cane are available in Birbhum district. These are extensively used for handicrafts.





### Process

The materials used for basket, mat weaving and cane work are simple and found in abundance. Locally available natural material like grass, reeds, leaves etc is used for mat and basket making. Jute, coir and bamboo are also used in basketry and in making mats.

The cane is heated and bend over a charchole fire and then coiled together by the expert craftsmen giving the required shape, after which it is smoked carefully to make it insect and waterproof. Cane tray as above may be used as trays for various purposes. This kind of Cane kunki may be used as pen/pencil stands apart from measuring grains in rural areas.

### Product range

baskets, mugs for rice beer, hukkass, musical instruments, floor mats, fishing devices and handle. A variety of products and items such as furniture, panels and partitions, table mats and floorings, lampshades etc are made here. Chandraki Kulo Chaln

### Price

Hats- Rs. 5-6/-	Only base of chandraki is Rs. 50-60/-
Fans- Rs. 2.5/-	Full chandraki is Rs. 100/-
Chalna- Rs. 15	Jhuri – Rs. 15
Kulo- Rs. 20, 18, 15	Decorative items-Rs.100-150



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Village: Tithidanga
2. Kalyanpur Shantigram Swanirvar Dal,  
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Village: Kalyanpur
3. Abirbhab Swanirvar Dal,  
Block: Nalhathi-II, G.P.: Bhadrapur  
Village: Simalandi
4. Nilima Swanirvar Dal,  
Block: Nalhathi-II, G.P.: Nawapara  
Village: Ashuria
5. Durga Swanirvar Dal,  
Block: Nalhathi-II, G.P.: Nawapara  
Village: Khalipur
6. Chayaniha Swanirvar Dal,  
Block: Illambazar, G.P.: Illambazar  
Village: Khayerburi  
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Name of the Gr. Leader: Champa Baidya
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Village: Kurmitha  
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Name of the Gr. Leader: Najma