

## Ethnobotany: How people use plants

Native Americans have used plants for survival for thousands of years to make houses, clothing, baskets, tools, canoes, snowshoes, paddles, medicine, food, fishing hooks, nets, ropes and many other useful and beautiful items.

Do we use plants for survival today? Below are two lists. One is a list of things we use and need. One is a list of plants and plant materials. Fill in the blank next to "Things we use and need" with one or more of the "Plants and plant materials" that are responsible for making "Things we use and need".

### Things we use and need

Hats \_\_\_\_\_  
Furniture \_\_\_\_\_  
Jam or Jelly \_\_\_\_\_  
Cooking oil \_\_\_\_\_  
Blankets \_\_\_\_\_  
Boats \_\_\_\_\_  
Bottoms of shoes \_\_\_\_\_  
Peanut Butter \_\_\_\_\_  
Acorns \_\_\_\_\_  
Paper \_\_\_\_\_  
Soy sauce \_\_\_\_\_  
Sugar \_\_\_\_\_  
Corn syrup \_\_\_\_\_  
Canvas tennis shoes \_\_\_\_\_  
Toilet paper \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasta \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweatshirts \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeans \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
Sweaters \_\_\_\_\_  
Car tires \_\_\_\_\_  
Chocolate \_\_\_\_\_

### Plants and plant materials

Cotton  
Wood from trees  
Wheat  
Maple Trees  
Sugar Cane  
Grapes  
Wood Pulp  
Wool  
Oak Trees  
Berries  
Soybeans  
Peanut Plant  
Rubber Tree  
Cacao Plant

What other plants can you think of that make the things you need and use?