

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

Find:

*Witches' Kitchen
Collection, 2008*



Turn this card over to find a hint about where I am!

Witches' Kitchen collection, Design with a Conscience series, Studio Tord Boontje. Client: Artercnica. Designed France, 2008. Courtesy of client. Assorted wooden utensils. Made by Guatemalan artisans from sustainably harvested wood.

COOL fact:

Machines make the forks and spoons we usually use at home. These forks and spoons were handmade by people living in villages in Guatemala, a country in Central America. Do you know anyone from that part of the world?

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Hint:

Look in the first floor, in the National Design Triennial exhibit. It is in the second room. On view through January 9, 2011.

**COOL!
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IT!**

Now, Explore!

DURING YOUR VISIT:

- Describe what you see. Can you find a hand, an arm, a leg or parts of an animal?
- How are these objects different from the forks and spoons you use? How are they the same?
- Imagine it is dinnertime: what foods would you serve with each utensil? Which would be good for serving noodles? Why?
- What material are they made of? (Hint: Think of a tree)

Before and After Your Visit:

- At home, look at the spoons, forks, servers and mixers in your kitchen. Discuss when you would use each one.
- Together, cook something (real or imaginary). Did you know that helping young children to recount a sequence of events (e.g. first we spread the peanut butter, then the jelly, and then we close the sandwich) is an important step towards becoming a good reader?



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Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum celebrates the creative nature of design and explores its impact on the quality of our everyday lives.

