

HANDBAGS  
“IEP”



38. KILI BAG (“IEP in KILI”)

The popular white, finely woven “Kili” bag was originally made on Kili Island by Bikini Islanders who relocated to Kili during the 1950’s.

The purses are plaited over wooden molds (“MONAKJANS”) using pandanus leaves for the inside of the bags and finely split coconut fibers for the outside. Hibiscus fibers are sometimes woven in on the outside as a design element. The Kili bag comes in several sizes and has an attached lid (#39 – 41). Recently new top designs (#42) and flower motifs (#41) have been introduced.



39. Kili Bags a, b & c  
(large, medium & small)



40.  
a, b



41.



42.



43.



In addition to the Kili bag, there are many different styles of handbags and small purses. Most are woven on the inside and outside with dark and light pandanus leaves. They are embellished with hibiscus fibers, dyed pandanus and varied surface weaving techniques.



Woman weaving a Kili bag

44.



45.



46.



47.  
a, b



48.



49.



49 a. detail



50.



51.

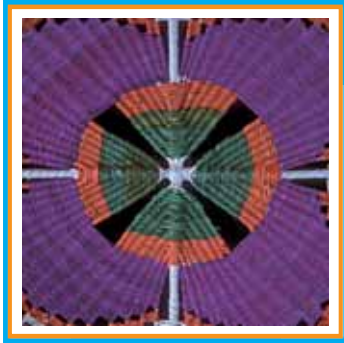


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53. Small Zippered Purses - a, b

FANS  
"DEEL"



54. LIKIEP FAN

The Marhallese have always used fans for cooling themselves, fanning fires, and decoration. They vary in size, design and materials used.

The elegant Likiep Atoll fans shown here are made with coconut mid rib strips that are wrapped and woven with coconut fibers. The intricate and beautifully woven designs are called “teneriffe” (“BENBEN”) and offer a numerous array of patterns.



Old Fans - Alele Museum



55.



56. a, b, & c



57. a, b, & c

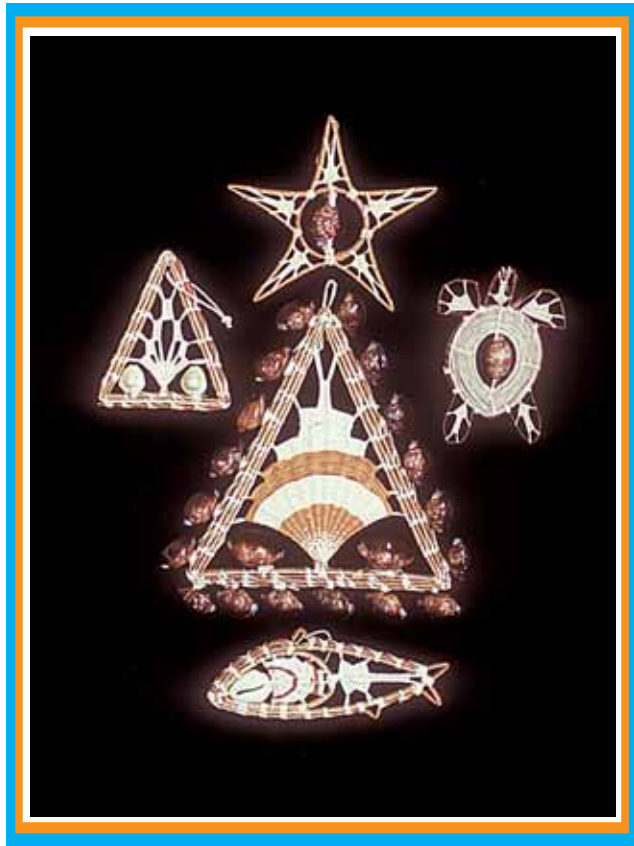


58. a, b, & c

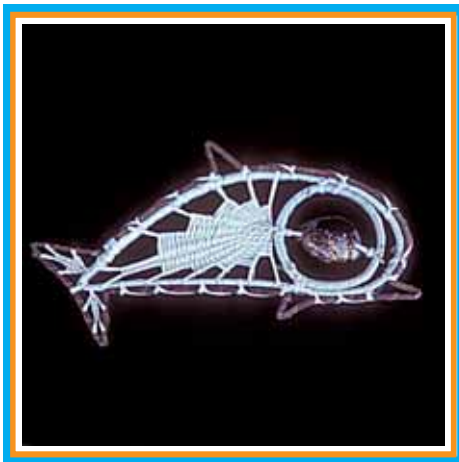
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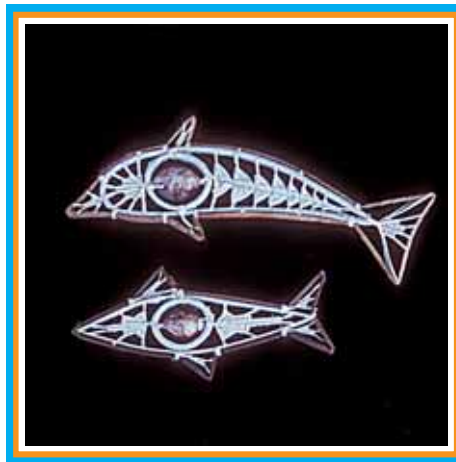
59. STAR ORNAMENT



60. a - large tree, b - small tree, c - star, d - turtle, e - fish



61. a



61. b - top & c - bottom