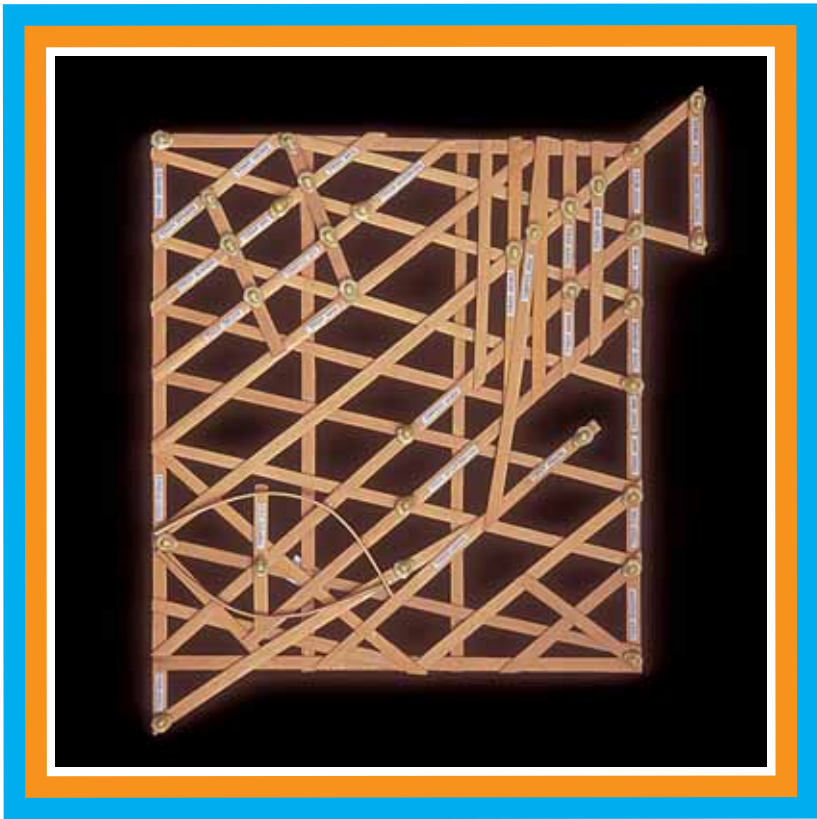
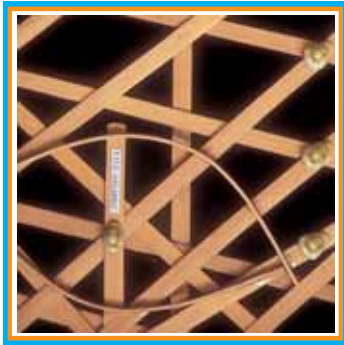
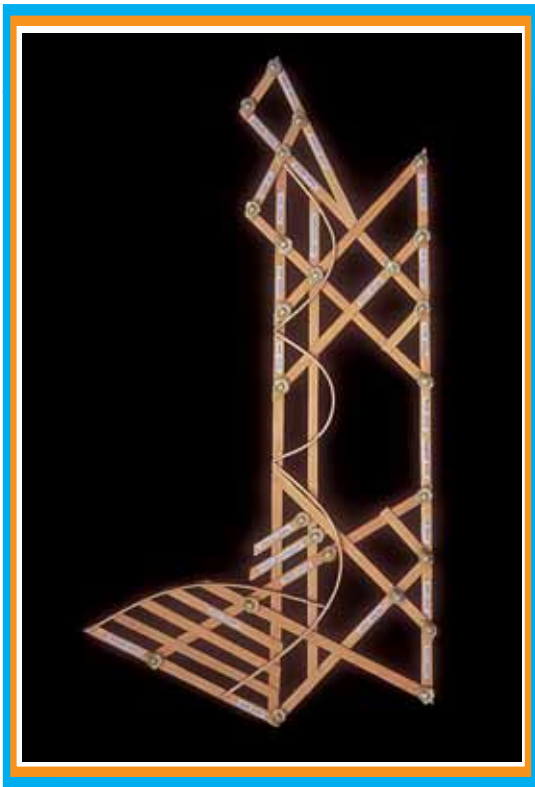


NAVIGATIONAL STICK CHARTS  
"METO"



1. "REBBELIB"



Navigational “stick charts” are only found in the Marshall Islands. These unique charts were used as instructional aids to help teach guarded navigational skills to select students about wave and current patterns around the atolls. They were not taken to sea, but memorized and were meaningless without the knowledge in the heads of their master navigator instructors.

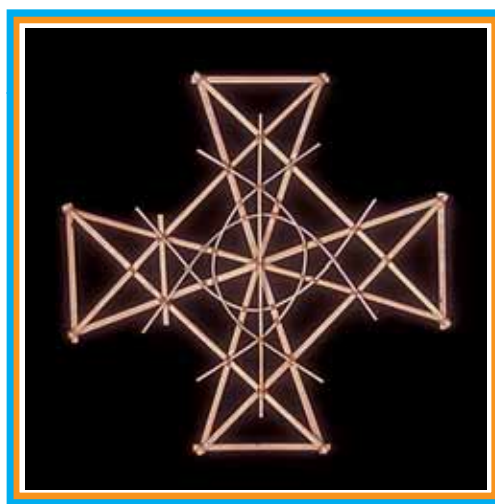
The charts were made by men from thin strips of coconut frond midribs or pandanus root. They were then bound together with coconut sennit in geometric patterns depicting sea currents around the low lying atolls. Small money cowrie shells or coral pebbles indicate special islands and the curved sticks show wave patterns.

## 2. “MEDO” (“Meddo”)

There are three kinds of stick charts. The first, the “REBBELIB” (#1), is a general wave navigational chart and can cover all of the Marshall Islands or those of one chain.

The second type of stick chart, the “MEDO” (#2), covers only a few islands and is useful for specific voyages.

The third type, the “MATTANG” or “WAPPEPE” (#3), is a small, square shaped teaching chart that identifies wave patterns formed around a single island.



## 3. “MATTANG” (“Wappepe”)

The unique design and history of the stick charts make them sought after collector’s items.