

Research



Pōtaka were carved out of or wood (hard, reddish brown in colour)

They were used by children, but and played with them too!

There were **two** types - whip tops (also known as) and humming tops (also known as) which were spin with a string

Pōtaka tā were spun by hitting the top with a whip called a which was a length of harakeke ()

Pōtaka takiri were used at with the humming representing wailing for those in mourning