



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

Turn-of-the-twentieth century egg beater. By 1900 the egg beater was a standard feature in kitchens throughout the United States. This item shows wear in the handle where almost all the decorative red paint has been worn away. Artifact courtesy Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum.

SUGGESTED USES

1. Combine with the Cowhide ladle and/or the Hopi ladle in order to set up a comparison and contrast of domestic tools, their composition and development. How does culture, tradition and societal need lead to the evolution and development of tools, not only kitchen tools, but all tools?
2. Use this as an introduction into the effects of industrialization. If we assume that a tool is manufactured to solve a problem, what is the problem resolved with the egg beater? (Have students think in terms of time, physical wear and tear on the body, and convenience) What tools are we developing today that resolve similar problems?
3. Note the date on the patent. Try and establish a timeline of tools, innovations that surround the egg beater in order to gain a greater idea of the time in which this was popular.