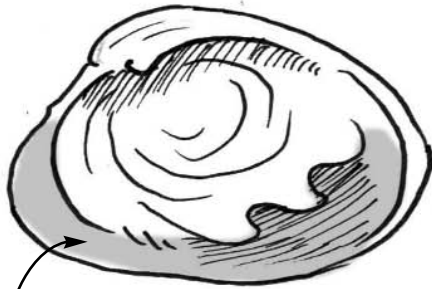
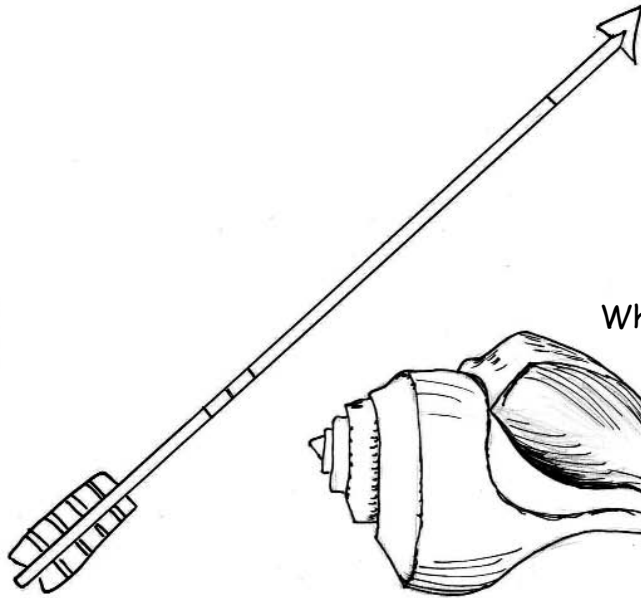


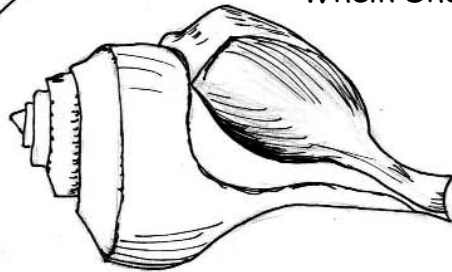
Quahog Shell



Purple

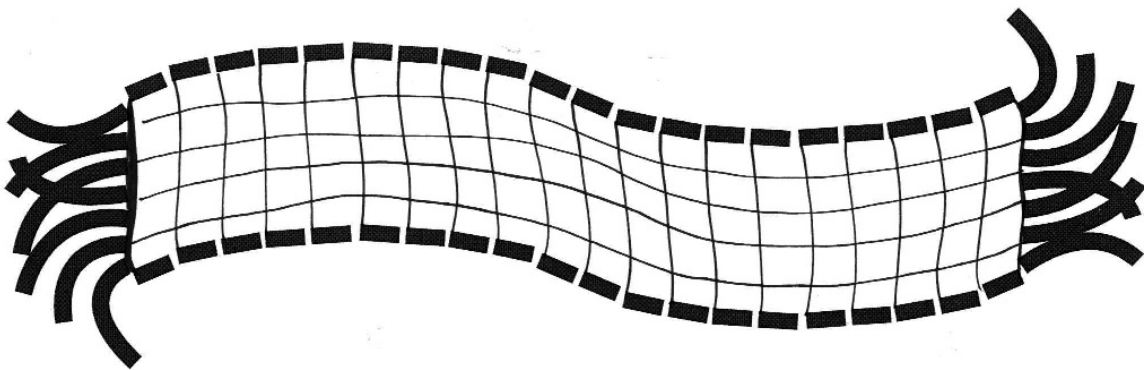


Whelk Shell



The Lenni Lenape also used the shells from quahogs (pronounced co-hogs) and whelks, a type of snail, to make "wampum". Originally, wampum was used to make belts and necklaces that told about important events or people's names. Later, wampum was used as a form of money to trade with the settlers. At one time, you could actually pay for your college education at Harvard with wampum.

The purple wampum made from the shells of the quahog or hard clam was the most valuable type of wampum. White beads were made from the whelk shells.



Design your own wampum. Color some of the squares purple to make a design or write your name. Remember, the purple beads are the most valuable!!! Use lots of purple.