

American Indian and Multicultural Connection



American Indian Turkey Call

Many powderhorns depicted different aspects of American Indian dress and lifestyles. Native horns were often adorned with geometric designs or totemic animal symbols.

For thousands of years primitive man has made use of calls to imitate the sounds of animals to lure game within range of their weapons (be it a bow and arrow or atlatl and dart). Even during the period of time when this country was being colonized, the pioneers

would use calls they made by hand to imitate game animals. It is likely that the American Indians taught most of them these methods. Turkey calls were commonly made from the wing bones of the turkeys but can also be made from river cane. (Tuomala)

American Indian Turkey Call packets can be provided by Pricketts Fort to teachers. These contain the reed, sinew, bead, and feather needed to make a simple turkey call.