

## Playing—*Wamtaallriit*

This group of objects includes items designed for children’s play—dolls, miniatures, and boat carvings (Tables 8.10 and 8.11). Gaming pieces, typically used by adults for competitions, are not included here.

**Table 8.10. Alutiiq terms for toys and miniatures**

English	Alutiiq	Comment
Angyaq Carving	Angyangcuk <sup>c</sup>	“mini angyaq”
Angyaq Model Part	Angyangcum ilakua’a <sup>c</sup>	
Children’s Doll	Suaruaq <sup>m</sup>	
Hole & Pin Game	Ayagaq*, Wamqutaq <sup>m</sup>	From a word meaning “to pole at it”, “plaything”
Kayak Carving	Qayangcuk <sup>c</sup>	“mini kayak”
Kayak Figurine	Suaruangcuk <sup>c</sup>	“mini doll”
Kayak Model Part	Qayangcum ilakua’a <sup>c</sup>	
Toy / Miniature	Mikt`sqaq <sup>m</sup>	“small thing”

m = term in modern usage, h = historic term, c = term created by Elder Alutiiq speakers

\* = suggested term needing additional review

**Table 8.11. Miniature objects found in Kodiak Alutiiq assemblages**

Stone Objects	Organic Objects	
End Blade	Adze Handle	Leister Side Prong
Lamp	Arrowhead	Net Float
Ground Point / Lance	Arrow Shaft	Net Gauge
Ulu	Bow	Non-Toggling Harpoon Head
	Clam Knife	Paddle
	Club	Rig Spreader
	Comb	Rock Paddle
	Dart Butt	Shaft
	Drag Handle	Shield
	Drum Handle	Snare Pin
	Drum Rim	Socket Piece
	Feast Bowl	Spoon
	Fire Starter Drill	Tally Sticks
	Fire Starter Drill Handle	Throwing Board
	Fire Starter Hearth	Tool Handle
	Fish Harpoon Valve	Ulu Handle
	Fishhook Barb	Vessel (base)
	Fishhook Shank	Vessel Lid
	Foreshaft	Water Scoop
	Gut Scraper	Wedge
	Kakangaq Disc	Work Board
		Wound Plug



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## Artifact Class Summary Sheet

<b>English Names</b>	Angyaq Carving	<b>Alutiiq Names</b>	Angyangcuk		
<b>Industry</b>	Carving	<b>Activity</b>	Playing	<b>Function</b>	Toy
<b>Common Materials</b>	Bark				
<b>LxWxD (cm)</b>	13.5 cm long and 2 cm wide				
<b>Tradition</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Kachemak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Koniag	<input type="checkbox"/> Alutiiq	
<b>Miniature</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<b>Example Sites Found</b>	Karluk One		
	<input type="radio"/> No/Unknown				
<b>Description</b>	<p>These small bark carvings are generally shaped like an open skin boat or angyaq. They are oval and feature a notch on either end to mimic the general shape of such boats, and have a hollow, bowl-like cavity in the center. They appear to be toy boats, like the small bark kayaks also found in assemblages.</p>				
<b>References</b>	Steffian, Amy F., Marnie A. Leist, Sven D. Haakanson, and Patrick G. Saltonstall, 2015, Kal'unek—From Karluk, Kodiak Alutiiq History and the Archaeology of the Karluk One Site. University of Alaska Press, Fairbanks.				
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ANGYAQ CARVING

Angyaq carvings from Karluk One (AM193)





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## Artifact Class Summary Sheet

**English Names**  **Alutiiq Names**

**Industry**  **Activity**  **Function**

**Common Materials**

**LxWxD (cm)**

**Tradition**  Ocean Bay  Kachemak  Koniag  Alutiiq

**Miniature**  Yes  No/Unknown **Example Sites Found**

**Description**

These carvings of people typically have short / no legs, no arms, and male or female genitalia. They are carefully carved and often painted - particularly around the neck line. A few have a groove around the circumference of the head, perhaps for tying on hair. These dolls were likely children's playthings and perhaps dressed in clothing.

These dolls are distinct from "stake" dolls / "shaman's" dolls that have a head carved on top of a roughly triangular, stake-shaped piece of wood.

**References**

Knecht, Richard A., 1995, The Late Prehistory of the Alutiiq People: Culture Change on the Kodiak Archipelago from 1200–1750 AD. PhD dissertation, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA.

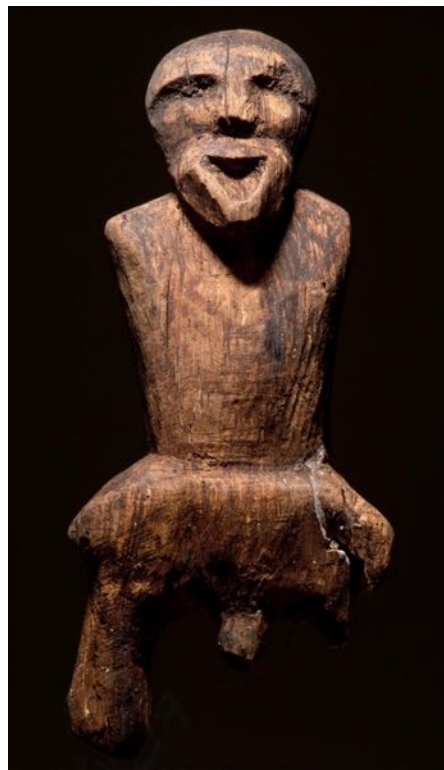
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CHILDREN'S DOLL

Female and male dolls from Karluk One (AM193)



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<b>English Names</b>	Hole and Pin Game		<b>Alutiiq Names</b>	Ayagaq, Wamqutaq	
<b>Industry</b>	Carving	<b>Activity</b>	Playing	<b>Function</b>	Toy
<b>Common Materials</b>	Bone				
<b>LxWxD (cm)</b>					
<b>Tradition</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Bay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kachemak	<input type="checkbox"/> Koniag	<input type="checkbox"/> Alutiiq	
<b>Miniature</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<b>Example Sites Found</b>	Uyak Site, Crag Point		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No/Unknown				
<b>Description</b>	<p>These pieces resembles the hole portion of a hole and pin toy, found across the North American Arctic. Example from Kodiak feature a bone with numerous drilled holes at one end. To this bone, players tied a pin. Then, players swung the hole-filled bone in the air and tried to capture it with a pin (make it land on the pin).</p> <p>To date, these have only be found in Kachemak assemblages, which are also known to contain a variety of pins that could have been used for this game.</p> <p>An example from the Uyak site is a hollow long bone (of a large bird?) with the articular ends removed and holes drilled into one end of the shaft from near the distal end to about half way down the object. Holes were drilled all the way around the shaft in this area. A fragment of a similar piece from the Uyak site, has etched lines around some of the holes.</p> <p>An ayagaq from Crag Point is a complete long bone (a goose or swan humerus?) with a series of holes drilled into one of the intact articular ends of the bone. There is a natural knob at the opposite end of the bone with a groove cut into it parallel to the length of the bone. This may be for attaching a pin.</p>				
<b>References</b>	Steffian, Amy F., 1992b, Fifty Years After Hrdlička: Further Investigations at the Uyak Site, Kodiak Island, Alaska. Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska 24(1and2):141–164.				
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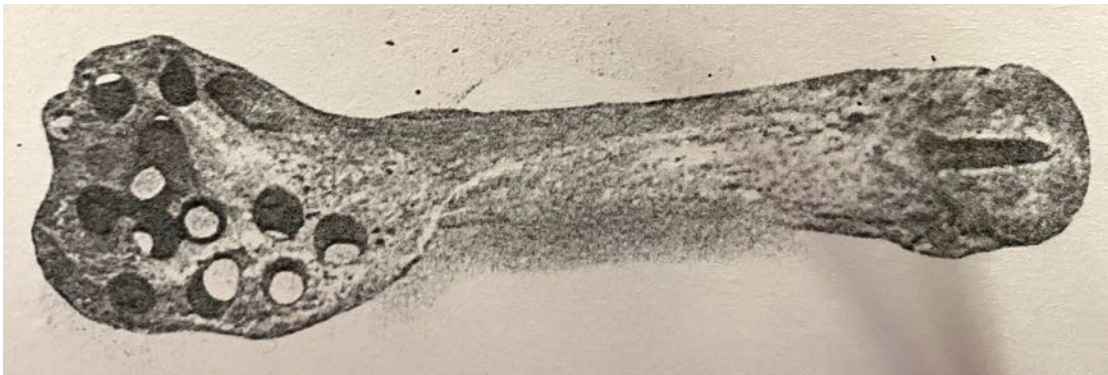
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HOLE AND PIN GAME

Hole and pin game from the Uyak site (AM3)



Hole and pin game from Crag Point (from Hoffman 1997, Plate XVI)







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## Artifact Class Summary Sheet

<b>English Names</b>	Kayak Carving	<b>Alutiiq Names</b>	Qayangcuk
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<b>Industry</b>	Carving	<b>Activity</b>	Playing	<b>Function</b>	Toy
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<b>Common Materials</b>	Bark
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<b>LxWxD (cm)</b>	ca. 8 cm long to over 34 cm long.
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**Tradition**    Ocean Bay    Kachemak    Koniag    Alutiiq

<b>Miniature</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No/Unknown	<b>Example Sites Found</b>	Karluk One
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<b>Description</b>	<p>Carved from cottonwood bark, a material that floats, these small carvings are shaped like a kayak. They are oval with pointed ends. The only other detail is a circular hole in the center designed to hold a small bark figurine representing the paddler. A few examples have a hole cut in the bottom of the boat to hold a pebble - a weight to stabilize the toy in the water.</p> <p>These objects are likely toys, and they are distinct from model kayaks. In contrast to one-piece kayak toys, model were made with with miniature-sized carvings of the full set of kayak parts. Kayak models are complex, multi-component objects. Kayak carvings are much more simply made toys.</p>
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<b>References</b>	Knecht, Richard A., 1995, The Late Prehistory of the Alutiiq People: Culture Change on the Kodiak Archipelago from 1200–1750 AD. PhD dissertation, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA.
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KAYAK CARVING

Bark kayak carvings from Karluk One (AM193) — Top: base with hole for stabilizing stone, Bottom: with figurines





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<b>English Names</b>	Kayak Figurine	<b>Alutiiq Names</b>	Suatuangcuk		
<b>Industry</b>	Carving	<b>Activity</b>	Playing	<b>Function</b>	Toy
<b>Common Materials</b>	Bark				
<b>LxWxD (cm)</b>	Variable				
<b>Tradition</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Bay	<input type="checkbox"/> Kachemak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Koniag	<input type="checkbox"/> Alutiiq	
<b>Miniature</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<b>Example Sites Found</b>	Karluk		
<b>Miniature</b>	<input type="radio"/> No/Unknown				
<b>Description</b>	<p>These small bark carvings show people from the waist up - without arms. They have a torso, a head with facial details, and a hat. At the base there is a small peg, designed to fit into the cockpit hole in a toy kayak carvings. Each of these carvings in unique with a distinct face and hat. They show a variety of traditional hats - a bentwood hunting hat and a seal visor, and in one case what looks like a Western-style top hat.</p>				
<b>References</b>	Knecht, Richard A., 1995, The Late Prehistory of the Alutiiq People: Culture Change on the Kodiak Archipelago from 1200–1750 AD. PhD dissertation, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA.				
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KAYAK FIGURINE

Bark figurines for toy kayaks from Karluk One (AM193)





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**English Names**  **Alutiiq Names**

**Industry**  **Activity**  **Function**

**Common Materials**

**LxWxD (cm)**

**Tradition**  Ocean Bay  Kachemak  Koniag  Alutiiq

**Miniature**  Yes  No/Unknown **Example Sites Found**

**Description**

Miniature artifacts are common in Alutiiq assemblages—tools identical in detail to their full-size counterparts. Some may be useful tools, while others appear to be children’s toys. These tools reflect all areas of life, from tools used in hunting, fishing, and food preparation, to objects associated with warfare and ceremonial life. For example, tiny ulus and war shields were probably designed for imaginative play, and may even have been crafted by children learning to carve (Knecht 1995:604). Children may have used small skin-working boards and wooden bows designed for stringing (Knecht 1995:612) to practice skills like hide working or shooting. In short, toys represent the range of activities in which young people could expect to participate as adults.

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TOY, MINIATURE

Miniatures from Karluk One (AM193)



Work Board



Ulu & Ulu Handle



Water Scoop



Work Board



Spoon

Miniature Vessel Parts



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Miniature Shields



Bows

Socket

Arrows

Harpoon Head

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Drum Handles & Rims