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Tools Through Time

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Do It Yourself

from then to now

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Many of us like to think that "technology" is a product of our modern world, but people have been using technology for as long as there have been people! Washingtonians have been "doing it themselves" for over 13,000 years, and the archaeological record of Washington has shown us that people have always made and used tools to provide for their families' basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter.

Many of our "modern" tools are simply new versions of tools used thousands of years ago, as the pictures above show. Stone and bone have given way to metal and plastic, but the basic forms and functions of the tools have not changed significantly. Which goes to show, some things never go out of style, including "Doing It Yourself!"

The background of the poster is a close-up of a 500 year old basket from the Qwu'qwea site on Mud Bay.

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