

Lenape Names for Things Made of Hides

These are names and images of various types of things known to the Lenape or Delaware Indians and made from hides. Deerskin had many uses for clothing and accessories. In the first column there are links in blue that can be clicked to take you to the Lenape Talking Dictionary (www.talk-lenape.org) where you can hear the Lenape name.

<p>xès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11561</p>		<p>skin; hide; leather</p>
<p>xèsàk</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11562</p>		<p>skins; hides; leather</p>
<p>ahtuhwi xès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12853</p> <p>ahtuxès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12852</p>		<p>deerskin</p>
<p>àskxès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=603</p>		<p>rawhide</p>

<p>màxkwi xès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12621</p>		<p>bearskin</p>
<p>mèkisi xès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=14508</p>		<p>sheepskin</p>
<p>wèhshùmwisxès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=12468</p>		<p>cowhide</p>

tēmakwei alukwèpi

<https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=10045>



beaver hat

Mike Pace wearing a beaver fur cap. These were also made using otter fur.

puhënikàni xès

<https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=16694>



drumhide; hide used as drumhead

This drumhide is made from a brain tanned hide.


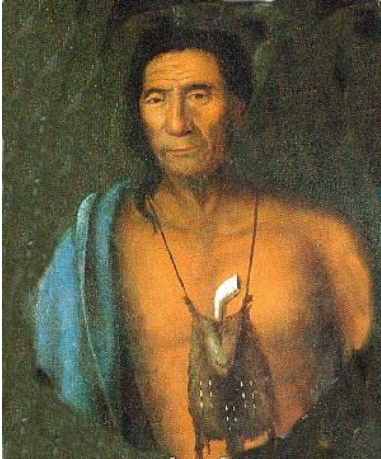
puhënikàn



<https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=8905>



This is the drum hide tied over a cast iron drum kettle. This is called a water drum as some water is used in the kettle.

Sometimes a crock was use, and originally probably a hollowed out tree stump.

<p>shkakwxèsa</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=13364</p>		<p>skunk hides; skunk skins</p>
<p>xanikwi xès</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17761</p>		<p>squirrel skin</p>
<p>xanikwi xèsinutay</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=17760</p>		<p>squirrel skin bag</p> <p>A portrait of Delaware Indian Tishcohan wearing a tobacco pouch made from the skin of an animal, possibly a squirrel. A white clay trade pipe is shown sticking out of the pouch. The pouch also appears to be decorated with wampum beads. This portrait was done by Gustavus Hesselius in 1735.</p>

<p>xèsinutay</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11564</p>		<p>bag made of leather</p> <p>Deerskin bag with quillwork decoration. The leather is dyed black which was popular in the early 1700's.</p>
<p>xèsinutay</p> <p>https://www.talk-lenape.org/detail?id=11564</p>		<p>bag made of leather</p> <p>Fringed deerskin bag with beadwork decoration.</p>

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