

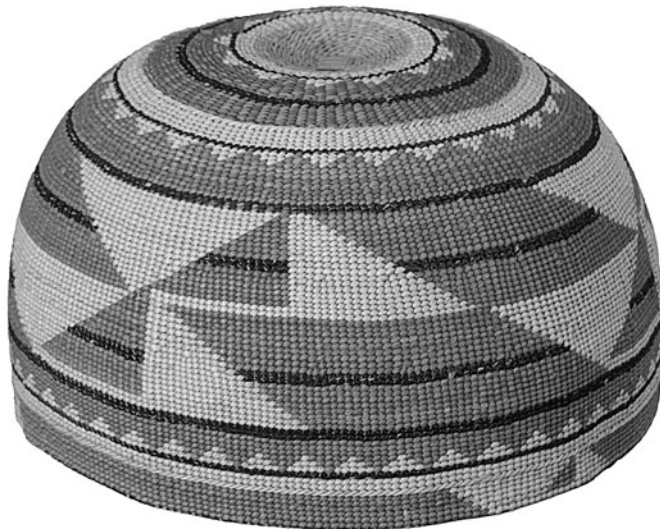
# The Karok

The Karok (KAH rahk) of northwestern California built their villages in the Klamath River Valley. Forests, mountains, and rivers provided the Karok with many natural resources. They used these natural resources to make their clothing.

All California Indians wore clothing that fit the climate they lived in. In warm weather, Karok women wore aprons or dresses under deerskin capes. They also wore woven hats called basket caps. Their caps were decorated with patterns. The men's caps were simpler, and were worn to protect their heads from sunny or stormy weather.

In cold weather and when it snowed, the Karok used more clothing to stay warm. Men and women wore thick fur capes and fur hats. Men also wore buckskin leggings.

When the Karok traveled in the nearby mountains, they wore buckskin moccasins to protect their feet. If it snowed, they put on snowshoes made of hazelwood and plant netting.



**This Karok basket cap would have been worn by a woman. It was tightly woven using twigs and roots.**

**Find Out** Visit your local historical society and interview a historian about the Indians from your area. Use the Interview Organizer to help you write questions.

1. What local resources did Indians in your region use to make clothing?

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2. Compare and contrast the types of clothing that men and women wore.

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3. Draw a picture showing the clothing that Indians from your area wore in different seasons.

