

CAMEROON COLLECTION

(Please use the boxes on the right to check items **IN** and then **OUT** before you return the collection.)

IN OUT

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Drinking horns x 2	Traditional drinking vessels for palm wine, used by men especially village elders; originally made from cattle horns, these examples are earthenware.		
Marriage chains (wooden)	Wedding gift to bring wealth, luck and fertility to husband and wife.		
Calabash bowls x 2	These have carved decorations and hanging strings so would be used as decorative as well as practical items.		
Mother and baby doll	Made from palm leaves with painted calabash heads.		
Jigsaw puzzles X2	Village scene and map of Africa.		
Toy car	Made from peeled bamboo, old flip-flops and rubber. Toys like this are made to provide a source of income or just as toys.		
Wooden toy gymnast			
Embroidered dress	Black traditional dress of North West province of Cameroon with hat.		
White dress and matching head scarf	Style is common throughout Central and West Africa; common wear on Sundays for women's gatherings, marriage ceremonies etc.		
Skirt and matching blouse	Indigo printed patterns (black with small blue dots - white background).		
Skirt and matching blouse - 2 pieces	Indigo printed horse with rider pattern, flower trim around neck.		
Everyday dress	Indigo flower and tree patterns, blue 'lace' trim around neck.		
Everyday dress and matching head scarf	Printed geometric patterns – 'damson' background.		
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Mersh – synthetic hair x1 pack	In various colours (blonde, browns, black) used for hair braiding and extensions, cost about 80p a packet.		
Asang – fly whisk x 4	Used in traditional dances; made out of plastic, shredded fertilizer bags, wood and leather.		
Shakers x 2	Woven bamboo filled with Guinea corn. Calabash (outer skin of egussi – melon) with Guinea corn threaded onto thin twine lattice. Shakers are used in traditional dancing and in some houses for decoration. The calabash (egussi shell) has great significance in Cameroon; it is associated with traditional rites.		
Rattlers – pair of leg shakers	Made from thick twine and the hard shells of various nuts; used for dancing mostly by the traditional 'ju ju'.		
Shopping Bag	With pink and green check pattern.		
Wooden 'drum' and stick	Double ended, 2 tone percussion instrument with striker.		
Soap (savon)	Made fro palm oil (from palm nuts) caustic soda etc., used for both bathing and laundry.		
Gong	Made from iron, fibre and wood with attached striker; used in dancing and by the town crier.		
Cameroon flags (1 large cotton flag, 6 small nylon flags)	Green, red, yellow with 5-pointed star in the centre. Green represents the land. Red represents the blood of those who died in the fight for independence. Yellow represents the sun and happiness. The star represents unity between Cameroonians – Cameroon is made up of 2 former countries, French and British Cameroon.		
Leather purses x 2	One contains two bead and glass bracelets with two 100 franc coins (from neighbouring Chad and Gabon). The other contains a cola nut. These can be eaten when fresh and have a bitter taste. Used in traditional ceremonies (as in other parts of Central and West Africa). There is a local saying 'He who brings cola brings life'.		
Coffee beans	Coffee is grown extensively in cameroon and is a major export.		

Coffee packs x 2	Roasted and ground locally, but most coffee is exported as raw beans.		
Fish bottle opener	2 screws in carved wooden fish. (NB in Cameroon most soft drinks are sold in returnable glass bottles – bottle tops are recycled for use in various ways eg in shakers, as counters etc).		
7 x A4 plastic wallets	Schools & Nature. Games & Family. Market & transport. Homes & Food. People Working & Traditional Dancing. Newspapers & Magazines. Laminated info sheet - contains a list of suggestions for using Cameroon in the curriculum.		
A4 laminated map of Africa	(in plastic wallet with jigsaws).		
A0 map of Cameroon	(in plastic wallet with jigsaws).		
A3 Book	L'Ouest Cameroun. Photographs & descriptions in French with English translations.		

For further information on West Africa, please also refer to:

- GLADE Ghana Collections.
- GLADE Literacy Collections – The Talking Cloth, Kofi and His Magic, A Triangle for Adaora.
- West Africa Instrument Collection.
- A Day in a Life....Ghana Pack.