

Fishing Nets



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Nets are a technology that have been used for centuries. American Indians in the Chesapeake used a few different types of nets in their fishing. A "dip net" attached to a long pole was used to simply scoop up passing fish. A "trawling net" or "seining net" is a long rectangular net with rock weights on the bottom. It was designed so that two or more people could drag it through shallow water. To make a net, long strands of grass had to be twisted together into "cordage," or rope. The cordage was then knotted together to make a net.