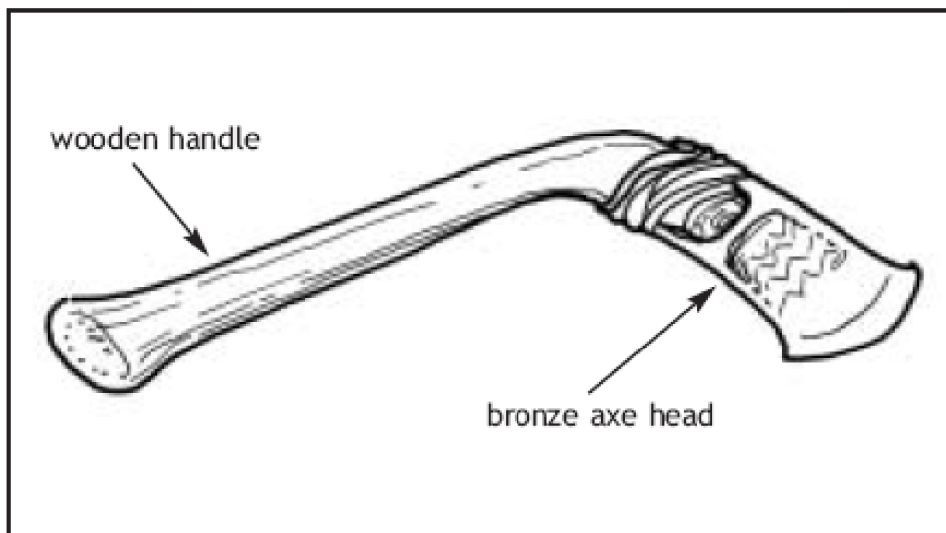
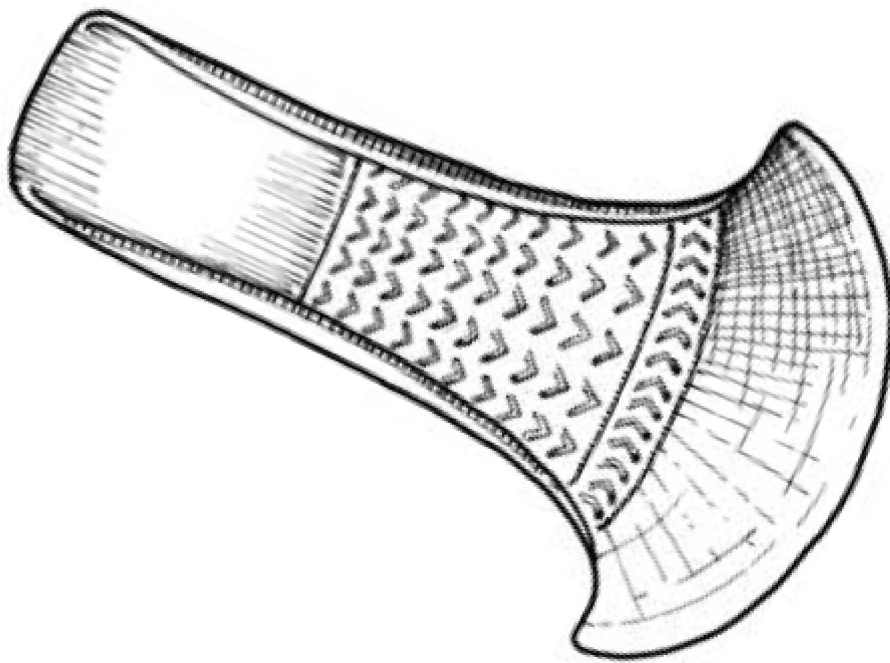


The use of bronze (an alloy of copper and tin) marks a new stage in Irish prehistory. This happened four thousand years ago. Bronze was used to make cauldrons (large cooking pots), swords, spear heads, axes and musical instruments.

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Bronze made better tools and weapons than flint. This is a bronze axe.

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Bronze Age people built stone circles for their ceremonies. This is Drombeg stone circle in West Cork which is orientated on the mid-winter setting sun.

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Bronze Age people put up tall stones to mark important places



This is a Bronze Age cooking place called a fulacht fia.
Hot stones are used to boil water. Meat was then cooked in the hot water.
