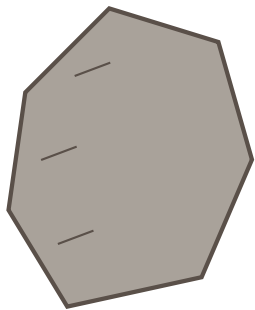


Three Revolutions in Stone

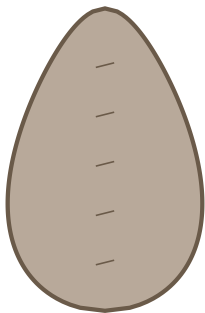
Oldowan chopper



~2.6 million years ago
(Homo habilis)
A sharp edge on a pebble



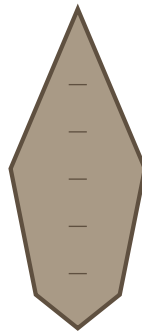
Acheulean hand-axe



~1.7 million years ago
(Homo erectus)
Symmetrical, designed, worked
on both faces



Mousterian point



~300,000 years ago
(Neanderthals)
Prepared-core technique;
hafted onto handles

Schematic; dates are approximate.