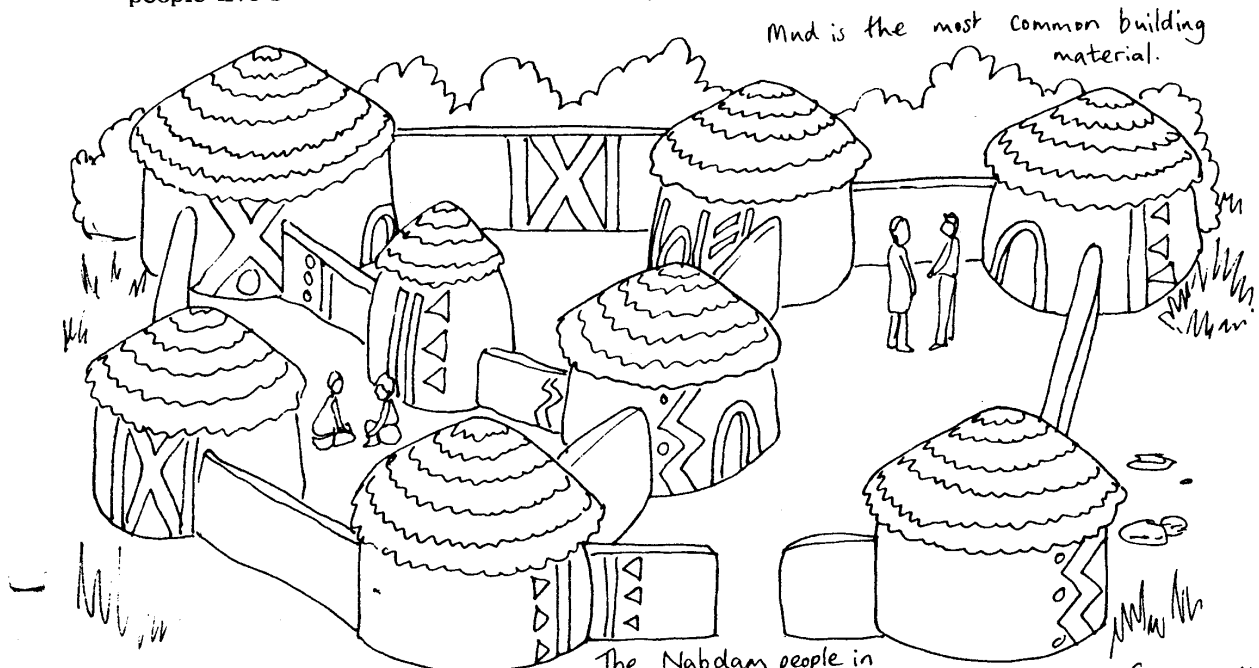


Homes Around the World

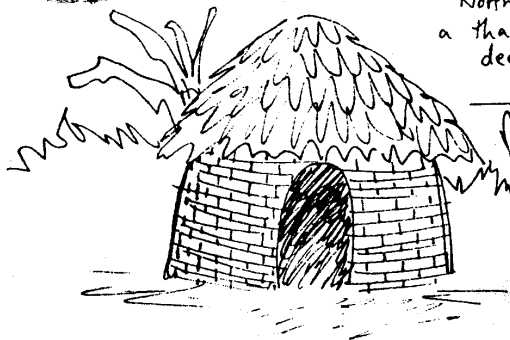
Africa¹

Here are some of the types of tribal homes still found in Africa today. (In the towns, people live in houses built in a similar way to ours.)

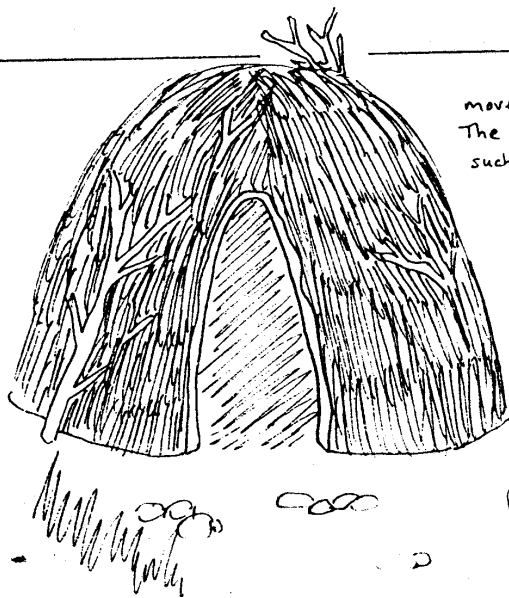


Mud is the most common building material.

The Nabdram people in Northern Ghana build small, round, one-roomed huts, of mud, with a thatched roof. Each family occupies several huts linked by walls. To decorate, the women scrape patterns in the walls and paint them with bright dyes.



← The Dorze, in Ethiopia, are expert weavers. Their huts are of woven bamboo, shaped like a beehive.
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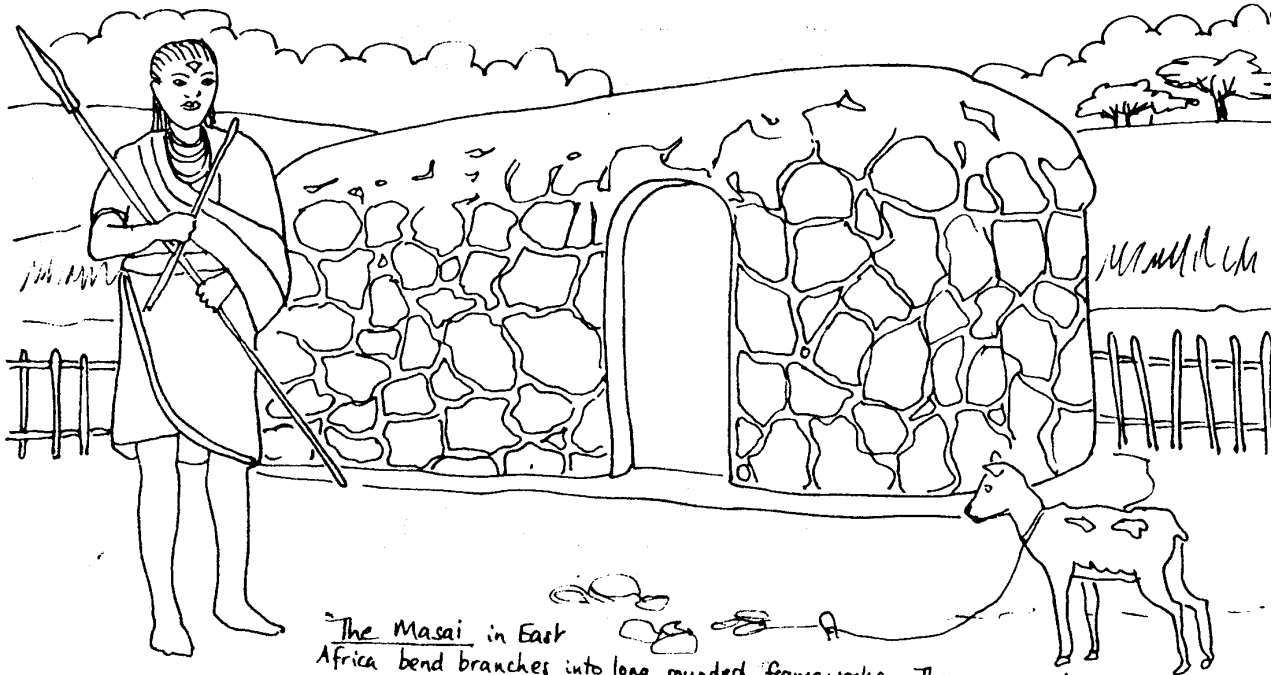


Some Africans live by hunting, so they often have to move about quickly, following the herds of wild animals. The Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert in Southern Africa are such a tribe.

Each night the hunting party make small, round huts of sticks covered with grass. They are roughly made but provide good overnight shelter.

¹ Extracted from *Homes Around the World* a project by Colette Harding, Janice Matthews and Jean Mohon. The whole project is on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive available from <https://motherscompanion.weebly.com>.

Two more homes from Africa.



The Masai in East
Africa bend branches into long, rounded frameworks. They cover this with dung from the herds of cattle which they keep. The dung dries hard in the sun to form a strong waterproof building. There are no windows - but fires for cooking are lit inside.



The Masakin of
the Sudan make houses from mud. Five or more circular huts are joined together in a circle. In one hut the animals are kept, another houses the sleeping areas, while in the courtyard the cooking is done.