

Finch & C^o



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SIZE: 28CM X 14CM AND 26CM X 14CM

LITERATURE

THESE BLADE CORES WERE USED BY PREHISTORIC MAN FOR PRODUCING THE BLANKS TO BE LATER RETOUCHE INTO TOOLS. THEY WERE OFTEN KEPT AND CARRIED FROM SETTLEMENT TO SETTLEMENT.

THIS USE OF FLINT CORES REPRESENTED A TECHNIQUE FAR REMOVED FROM A CONCEPT OF BASHING ROCKS TOGETHER TO PRODUCE STRUCK FLAKES. IT IS CALLED 'THE LEVALLOIS TECHNIQUE' AFTER THE PARIS SUBURB FROM WHOSE GRAVEL PITS THE ORIGINAL ARTEFACTS CAME FROM. IT IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE FLAKES AND BLADES OF PREDETERMINED DIMENSIONS FROM A FLINT NODULE. THERE MAY BE TRIANGULAR, ELONGATED OR SQUAT BUT THE IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THEY ARE NOT RANDOMLY PRODUCED.