

Dear Don,  
Sorry I haven't written for so long  
I am sending under separate package - 1  
wood pressure flake, 1 Kangaroo ulna  
flake, & 1 Kangaroo/wallaby fibula.  
These are the main tools - there  
is of course the little hammerstone  
and the anvil stone. The wood flake is  
used initially to straighten up the preform  
- as you can see it is quite small  
and I have collected them between 6"-18"  
long. The ulna is then used to thin  
and shape the blank and finally the  
fibula is used to put in serrations.

It is interesting that to the  
aboriginals a ~~stone~~ spear point has  
quite a definite orientation - and a  
back, a belly, an eye (the very tip)  
and a bottom (buttocks) both etc

I have started making fluted points  
(first attempt yesterday) and have  
made 3 which are very rough  
but which I am very happy with  
I showed one about  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long  
to an old man at Howangun and  
he was most impressed with its "two  
bellies" I have been using quartzite  
silicite and obsidian. The fluting  
I have been doing by indirect  
percussion resting the blade tips on  
a leather wad and holding the it  
upright with my heels. I use an  
antler punch with a stone billet as  
a hammer - when I feel  
reasonably competent I will send you  
some artefacts. I really found your  
directions in the tender in replication  
paper most helpful and easy to follow  
- in fact I was so surprised  
when the flake was removed I just  
looked at it like some australopithecine  
who had cut his fingers on a flake  
and wondered why he hadn't done it  
before!

I went to Peru and Bolivia for 6 weeks  
and although I only collected  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz points  
all about 1 cm long and very crude, I managed  
to collect about 40 axe/tombaul ~~the~~ heads  
showing a really variety of hafting mechanisms  
- the Cochabamba museum gave me two small  
ceremonial fluted hatchets with bored holes  
for lashing and I intend to write a  
small paper for them in return.  
Enough: I hope you are  
all well.

cheers

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