

In preparation for the journey, Meriwether Lewis wrote a list of necessary items to be taken. Due to Lewis's spelling, some of the words may not look familiar to you; please sound them out phonetically to understand them. See <http://media.nara.gov/media/images/19/29/19-2831a.gif> for a look at the manuscript version of the Indian gifts.

**LEWIS'S PACKING LIST**

**Mathematical Instruments**

- 1 Hadley's Quadrant
- 1 Mariner's Compas & 2 pole chain
- 1 Sett of plotting instruments
- 3 Thermometers
- 1 Cheap portable Microscope
- 1 Pocket Compass
- 1 brass Scale one foot in length
- 6 Magnetic needles in small straight silver or brass cases opening on the side with hinges.
- 1 Instrument for measuring made of tape with feet & inches mark'd on it,...
- 2 Hydrometers
- 1 Theodolite
- 1 Sett of planespheres
- 2 Artificial Horizons
- 1 Patent log
- 6 papers of Ink powder
- 4 Metal Pens brass or silver
- 1 Set of Small Slates & pencils
- 2 Creyons
- Sealing wax one bundle
- 1 Miller's edition of Lineus in 2 Vol:  
Books  
Maps  
Charts  
Blank Vocabularies  
Writing paper
- 1 Pair large brass money scales with two setts of weights...

**Arms & Accoutrements**

- 15 Rifle
- 15 Powder Horns & pouches complete
- 15 Pairs of Bullet Moulds
- 15 do. Of Wipers or Gun worms
- 15 Ball Screws
- 24 Pipe Tomahawks
- 24 large knives
- Extra parts of Locks & tools for repairing arms
- 15 Gun Slings
- 500 best Flints

**Ammunition**

- 200 Lbs. Best rifle powder
- 400 lbs. Lead

**Clothing**

- 15 3 pt. Blankets
- 15 Watch Coats with Hoods & belts
- 15 Woolen Overalls
- 15 Rifle Frocks of waterproof Cloth if possible

- 30 Pairs of Socks or half Stockings
- 20 Fatigue Frocks or hinting shirts
- 30 Shirts of Strong linnen
- 30 yds. Common flannel.

**Camp Equipage**

- 6 Copper kettles (1 of 5 Gallons, 1 of 3, 2 of 2, & 2 of 1) falling Axes.
- 25 Drawing Knives, short & strong
- 4 Augers of the patent kind...
- 2 Small permanent Vice
- 1 Hand Vice
- 36 Gimblets assorted
- 24 Files do.
- 12 Chisels do.
- 10 Nails do.
- 2 Steel plate hand saws
- 2 Vials of Phosforus
- 1 do. Of Phosforus made of allum & sugar
- 4 Groce fishing Hooks assorted
- 12 Bunches of Drum Line
- 2 Foot Adzes
- 12 Bunches of Small cord
- 2 Pick Axes
- 3 Coils of rope
- 2 Spades
- 12 Bunches Small fishing line assorted
- 1 lb. Turkey or Oil Stone
- 1 Iron Mill for Grinding Corn
- 20 yds. Oil linnen for wrapping & securing Articles
- 10 yds do. do. Of thicker quality for covering and lining boxes. &c
- 40 yds Do. Do. To form two half faced Tents or Shelters...
- 4 Tin blowing Trumpets
- 2 hand or spiral spring Steelyards
- 20 yds Strong Oz naburgs
- 24 Iron Spoons
- 24 Pint Tin Cups (without handles)
- 30 Steels for striking or making fire
- 100 Flints for do. do. do.
- 2 Frows
- 6 Saddlers large Needles
- 6 Do. Large Awls
- Muscatoe Curtains
- 2 patent chamber lamps & wicks
- 15 Oil Cloth Bags for securing provision
- 1 Sea Grass Hammock

**Provisions and Means of Subsistence**

- 150 lbs. Portable Soup.
- 3 bushels of Allum or Rock Salt
- Spicies assorted
- 6 Kegs of 5 Gallons each making 30 Gallons of rectified spirits such as is used for the Indian trade
- 6 Kegs bound with iron Hoops

**Indian Presents**

5	lbs. White Wampum
5	lbs. White Glass Beads mostly small
20	lbs. Red Do. Do. Assorted
5	lbs. Yellow or Orange Do. Do. Assorted
30	Calico Shirts
12	Pieces of East India muslin Hanckerchiefs striped or check'd with brilliant Colours.
12	Red Silk Hanckerchiefs
144	Small cheap looking Glasses
100	Burning Glasses
4	Vials of Phosforus
288	Steels for striking fire
144	Small cheap Scizors
20	Pair large Do.
12	Groces Needles Assorted No. 1 to 8 Common points
12	Groces Do. Assorted with points for sewing leather
288	Common brass thimbles – part W. office
10	lbs. Sewing Thread assorted
24	Hanks Sewing Silk
8	lbs. Red Lead
2	lbs. Vermillion – at War Office
288	Knives Small such as are generally used for the Indian trade, with fix'd blades & handles inlaid with brass
36	Large knives
36	Pipe Tomahawks – at H. Ferry
12	lbs. Brass wire Assorted
12	lbs. Iron do. Do. generally large
6	Belts of narrow Ribbons colours assorted
50	lbs. Spun Tobacco.
20	Small falling axes to be obtained in Tennessee
40	fish Griggs such as the Indians use with a single barbed point – at Harper's ferry
3	Groce fishing Hooks assorted
4	Groce Mockerson awls assorted
50	lbs. Powder secured in a Keg covered with oil Cloth
24	Belts of Worsted feiret or Gartering Colours brilliant and Assorted
15	Sheets of Copper Cut into strips of an inch in width & a foot long
20	Sheets of Tin
12	lbs. Strips of Sheet iron 1 In. wide 1 foot long
1	Pc. Red Cloth second quality
1	Nest of 8 or 9 small copper kettles
100	Block-tin rings cheap kind ornamented with Colour'd Glass or Mock-Stone
2	Groces of brass Curtain Rings & sufficently large for the Finger
1	Groce Cast Iron Combs
18	Cheap brass Combs
24	Blankets.
12	Arm Bands Silver at War Office
12	Wrist do. do. Do.
36	Ear Trinkets Do. Part do.
6	Groces Drops of Do. Part Do.
4	doz Rings for Fingers of do.
4	Groces Broaches of do.
12	Small Medals do.

**Means of Transportation**

1	Keeled Boat light strong at least 60 feet in length her burthen equal to 8 Tons
1	Iron frame of Canoe 40 feet long
1	Large Wooden Canoe
12	Spikes for Setting-Poles
4	Boat Hooks & points Complete
2	Chains & Pad-Locks for confining the Boat & Canoes &c.

**Medicine**

15	lbs. Best powder's Bark
10	lbs. Epsom or Glauber Salts
4	oz. Calomel
12	oz. Opium
–	oz. Tarter emetic
8	oz. Borax
4	oz. Powder'd Ipecacuana
8	oz. Powder Jalap
8	oz. Powdered Rhubarb
6	Best lancets
2	oz. White Vitriol
4	oz. Lacteaum Saturni
4	Pewter Penis syringes
1	Flour of Sulphur
3	Clyster pipes
4	oz. Turlingtons Balsam
2	lbs. Yellow Bascilicum
2	Sticks of Sympke Diachylon
1	lb. Blistering Ointments
2	lbs. Nitre
2	lbs. Coperas

**Materials for making up the Various Articles into portable Packs**

30	Sheep skins taken off the Animal as perfectly whole as possible, without being split on the belly as usual and dress'd only with lime to free them from the wool; or otherwise about the same quantity of Oil Cloth bags well painted
	Raw hide for pack strings
	Dress'd letter for Hoppus-Straps
	Other packing

Do. = ditto

&amp;c. = etcetera

Oznaburgs = strong cloth

Worsted feiret [ferret] = woven wool tape, used for embellishment and trade

Hoppus = might possible refer to an Indian term for knapsack

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