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KOREAN DANCHEONG



Dancheong is the decorative coloring used on buildings or other items to show beauty and majesty, and is done by applying various patterns and paintings. The name comes from the Chinese characters for red and blue, which Koreans pronounce *dan* and *cheong*. In addition to these two colors, three others are used: yellow, black and white.

In addition to its decorative function, *dancheong* was used to prolong the life of a building and to hide the poor quality of the material used. Different types and patterns also emphasized the characteristics and the grade or rank of the building or object.

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- Can you think of other traditional Korean arts and crafts?
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- Make a presentation on traditional Korean arts and crafts.