

Vernacular Architecture of Traditional African Village Huts

Although they differ from country to country, the traditional African village huts have thatched roofs supported by a wooden or an earth base. Some huts also have entirely thatched exteriors and an interior made of mud. Due to the use of readily available local materials, this type of house is classified as vernacular architecture. Although the choice of local materials is generally associated with poverty, it also has climatic advantages as it enables ventilation.

Here are some examples of traditional African village huts.

Zulu Huts in South Africa

In order to build a Zulu hut, it was first necessary to first create a frame by bending wooden poles inward toward the center. Then, the frame is covered by weaving a thatch of dried grasses and eventually creating a dome-shaped structure.



