

# 艺 yì

艺 (yì) means art, skills and craft.  
They are all the same thing in Chinese

艺术 (yishu) art, 工艺 (gongyi) manual work, 手艺 (shouyi) craftsmanship are all part of the same group of ideas in Chinese, expressed with 艺 (yi). In its traditional form, yi (藝) is a compound from grass (艹 cǎo), clouds (云 yún) and 執 (yì) - an ancient word representing a kneeling person using its hands (手) to model earth and wood (木). More than just art, yi represents the talent, that is the ability to do something that should be cultivated to become a culture (文艺 wenyi).