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Cheyim  Garzo  Parzo  Tshemzo
Choesham  Jinzo  Shagzo  Yul
Chusum  Kachen  Shingzo  Zorig
Dezo  Kirtimukha  Thagzo
Dhozo  Lhakhang  Troko
Druk  Lhazo  Tshazo
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**Across**
2. richly carved and painted columns
5. masonry
7. weaving
8. frequently translated into English simply as “temple”
9. ...Chusum, the thirteen traditional arts
11. metalcasting

**Down**
1. carved beads that are found near the top of a kachen
2. mythological figure
3. woodturning
4. typically translated as ‘altar’
6. carpentry
8. painting
10. blacksmithing
Glossary

**Cheyim** - Carved representation beads that are found near the top of a kachen (column) that separate the uppermost head from the rap (carved part directly under the cheyim)

**Choesham** - a built-in structural piece designed for the display of important objects relating to Bhutanese heritage, life, and cultural expression. Typically translated simply as ‘altar.’

**Druk Yul** - “Land of the Thunder Dragon,” the Kingdom of Bhutan remains one of the least known countries in the world.

**Kachen** - richly carved and painted columns found inside the Lhakhang. Milled by hand from single large timbers of blue pine.

**Kirtimukha** - a mythological figure popular throughout the Himalayan and South Asia region. Frequently used as a stylized architectural decorative motif.

**Lhakhang** - typically small but important pavilion-like and highly decorated public structure found throughout Bhutan that commemorates important events and places in Bhutanese history, tradition, and culture. Frequently translated into English simply as “temple” not of religious worship but a contemplative reflection.

**Zorig Chusum** - “zo” meaning “the ability to make” and “rig” meaning “craft”, refers to the thirteen traditional arts, (“chusum”), which have been cultivated, taught, and celebrated in Bhutan for generations. The thirteen traditional arts include:

- **Shagzo** - woodturning
- **Shingzo** - carpentry
- **Thagzo** - weaving
- **Troko** - gold and silver-smithing
- **Tshazo** - bamboo work
- **Tshemzo** - embroidery
- **Dezo** - papermaking
- **Dhozo** - masonry
- **Garzo** - blacksmithing
- **Jinzo** - clay sculpture
- **Lhazo** - painting
- **Lugzo** - metal casting
- **Parzo** - carving