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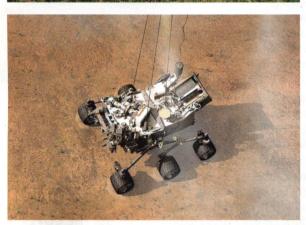
Making ever more sophisticated tools may have helped drive brain evolution beginning 2.6 million years ago. To better understand the relation between toolmaking and evolution, contemporary researchers use brain scanners, looking under the skull as people replicate the crafting of Paleolithic hand axes and other implements.

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