

Mastaba

The burial that was often decorated with painting and drawings. It was built over an underground burial chamber. People could leave offerings to the dead, in a chapel and some other rooms. Did you know that the word mastaba comes from the Arabic word meaning bench?

Step pyramid

This pyramid was covered in limestone which was polished making it gleam. Before this true pyramid was built, three other step pyramids were built, the pyramids of Sekhmet, Khaba and Iepsois. The tunnels in this pyramid were lined with limestone instead of wood.

Bent pyramid

This pyramid was a big mistake, so the king (Sneufery) had the first true pyramid - the red pyramid in his name. Interestingly, it is the only pyramid that still has limestone casing on it. The people started building, first it was 55° but then they realised that it might fall so they changed the angle to 43° .