



Fun Pottery Project

During this project you will be decorating some pottery for archaeologists to find in the future.

Materials Needed

Ceramic Pot (Clay or Terracotta)	Decorating Materials	Rubber band Hammer Tape/Glue	Bag
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Create your own piece of History

1. Take your pot and decorate it with your paint and or markers. As you design and decorate your pot keep in mind what your artwork says about you and the people around you. Does it tell a story?
2. After the paint/markers dry. Put your pot inside a bag and close the opening with your rubber band. Make sure the rubber band is tight but that there is some room in the bag.
3. This is the time you should grab an adult and have them help you. Take your hammer and smash your pot

into large pieces. Let the years break down your piece of pottery.

4. Gently take the pieces of your broken pot out, placing them out onto the newspaper or a surface you don't mind getting dirty.

5. Now, with the use of your tape or glue, piece the pot back together.

When piecing your pot back together keep in mind that when Archeologists do this they have no idea what the original shape was for the pot and they might not have all the pieces. The artifact might even be mixed in with other artifacts. How do they do this? Matching up lines, shapes and color will help.

Partner Project

After decorating your own pieces hand off the smashed artifact in its pillow case for a partner to piece together. Make sure your partner has not seen your design. This will give a better idea of what it is like to piece together something you haven't seen.

Ask yourselves, is the pot design simple? Then maybe it was designed for basic everyday use. Is the design fancy and had more work put into its design? Then maybe the object was to be used for special events or even used by a special person. These are things that Archaeologists might think of.