

Project glossary

archaeologist

A person who studies buildings, graves, tools and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past.

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clay

Thick, heavy earth that is soft when wet and hard when dry or baked.

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coil

A long, round roll of clay.

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coiling

A method of creating pottery where long rolls of clay are coiled, then joined on top of each other using slip.

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form

The 3-D aspect of a piece of artwork.

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herringbone pattern

A pattern consisting of rows of V shapes.

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pattern

A regularly repeated arrangement or design made from lines, shapes or colours.

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pinch pot

A simple clay pot made by sticking a thumb into a ball of clay and then pinching the clay between the thumb and the fingers.

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potter

Someone who makes objects from clay.

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pottery

The activity of making clay objects by hand.



prehistoric pots

Pieces of pottery made by humans during the Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

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score

To make a mark or cut on the surface of something with a pointed tool.

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slip

A runny mixture of clay and water.

