

Project - You Make a Pinch Pot!

MATERIALS GROUP #4

Self-hardening clay, red or gray
Watercolor crayon, black (Group #2)

Make a pot. Paint a picture or design on the pot like the Greeks. Take out as much self-hardening clay as needed and reseal the rest in the bag. You will have about an hour to work with the clay before it begins to dry and harden. It will dry completely in a few days and can then be painted.



1. Form a ball of clay in the palm of your hand. Roll the ball in all directions on a tabletop until it is smooth and round.
2. Press your thumb into the center and turn the pot while squeezing into the sides with your thumb and fingers until a bowl shape is formed.
3. Squeeze the sides of the pot until it is the right shape, but leave the sides at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. When the pot is the right shape, dip your finger into a small can of water and rub the entire surface gently to make it smooth. Allow the pot to dry for two to three days.
4. To paint the pot, dip the tip of a black watercolor crayon into a can of water. Adults may want to only put a half inch of water into the can so that students cannot get the crayon too wet. Paint a design or picture onto the pot, dipping the crayon tip into water as needed. Let dry.

STUDENT GALLERY



Your pot can be made with red or gray clay. You may want to use white watercolor crayon as well as black. This pot featuring a warrior shooting a flaming arrow is by John (age 6).