(1000BCE) Minoan Crete and Mycenaean mainland civilisations

You will need Air drying terracotta clay A knife and clay tools Paint

1. Cut off a small block of the terracotta clay (about the size of a tennis ball) and mould it into a ball type shape.

2. Push your thumb into the centre of the clay and use your other fingers to mould the sides of the pot.

3. Make the neck of the pot and the outside rim by continuing to mould the clay with your fingers.

4. Roll two small pieces of clay into little sausages and mould into handle shapes. Stick them on the sides of your pot to form handles.

© Original resource copyright Hamilton Trust, who give permission for it to be adapted as wished by individual users. We refer you to our warning, at the foot of the block overview, about links to other websites.











How to make an Ancient Greek pot

To make a thumb pot (dish)...

1. Cut off a small block of the terracotta clay (about the size of a tennis ball) and mould it into a ball type shape.

2. Push your thumb into the centre of the clay and use your other fingers to mould the sides of the pot.



3. Widen and mould the clay with your thumb and fingers into a dish shape.



4. To paint the pots, you will need black paint and a paint brush. Make sure you keep your pattern simple and geometric.





