

# Do you 'dig' Archaeology? Day

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## Play with Clay

People started making pottery during Neolithic times, 10,000 years ago. Woven baskets made by early hunter gatherers were useful but couldn't hold liquids and as people started to farm they needed a way to water their crops. Clay was easy to get hold of and people began to use it to make useful vessels.

Here are a few clay techniques to help you get started. Here is how to stick one piece of clay to another piece.

Why not watch our film to see how to make your own clay pot?

You will need:

Air Drying clay  
Clay tools  
a rolling pin



Cut out a shape.



To help your clay shape stick use a blunt knife to mark a criss-cross pattern on the back of it.



Now do the same on the area you want to stick your shape to. This is called making a key.



Now with your finger, rub some water on both sides where you have marked the criss cross lines.



Place your shape where you want it and using a blunt knife or clay tool scrape and pull the clay on the base into your clay shape until it is smooth and looks like the same piece of clay. This is called blending.



The finished pot