

create your own black or red- figure pot!

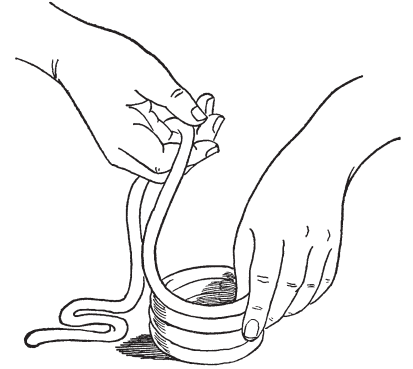


What you'll need:

- Air-drying Clay: this is a kind of clay which dries by itself, without needing to be heated in a clay oven. You can find air-drying clay in most craft stores. Try to find one which is a reddish colour, like terracotta, to copy the colour of the Ancient Greek pots.
- A pencil or skewer
- A paintbrush
- Black paint

how to make your pot

1. Shape your clay into whichever pot shape you prefer. You can find some example here.



2. Make your handles separately. Use water and a skewer to join these to the pot once they are made.

3. Paint your pot. If you like, you can use a pencil or a skewer to first draw or scratch your design into the clay. Use black paint to create your scene. You can create a black-figure scene by painting the people on your pot with your black paint, leaving the background red.



4. If you want a challenge, try making a red-figure pot. To do this, paint a black background around the figures, leaving them unpainted and the colour of the clay. This is a tricky task! It will be easier if you lightly draw the outline of your figures with a pencil or a skewer first.



5. All your pot to dry completely. This may take a few days.