

TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY MONTH

Pinch Pot Kit

CONTENTS OF KIT

- **Modeling clay** — *Keep the clay sealed in the bag when you are not working with it.*
- **Tools for creating patterns in the wet clay**
- **Instructions are on the back!**

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How to Make a Pinch Pot

1. Cover a table with a tarp, plastic, newspaper, or trash bag to protect it, and set a bowl or bucket of water nearby for rewetting the clay and washing hands/tools. **DO NOT** discard clay water in drains since it can clog.
2. Pull out the clay and unwrap it from the plastic. If it has dried out, you can work in some water to rewet it.
3. Roll the clay into a ball. Set the ball on the table and use your thumb to press a dent in the center about $\frac{2}{3}$ down through the ball.
4. Use your fingers to pinch the sides to flatten them into walls and stretch the bottom into a bowl shape. If cracks form, put a little water on them and smooth them out with your finger.
5. Use the tools to draw designs in the wet clay.
6. Let the clay air-dry.