



Make a Neolithic Pot

You will need:

- a ball of self-drying clay for each pupil
- wooden boards or mats to protect the tables
- paper plates to rest the pots on
- a selection of twigs and shells

Pinch Pot

Take a ball of clay.

Push your thumb into the centre.

With your thumb in the centre, gently pinch up the walls of the pot with your fingers.

Smooth the inside and outside of the pot with your fingers.

Rest the pot on a flat surface to create a base for the bowl.

Only small pots can be made this way.



Coil Pot

Make the base of the pot in the same way as for a pinch pot, but always set it on the table upside down to keep a round rather than a flat bottom.

Take a small piece of clay and roll it in your hands or on a flat surface to make a long sausage shape about the width of your finger.

Place the coil on top of the base, and join the two ends by smoothing over them with your thumb.

Use your thumb to carefully smooth over the join between the coil and the base on the inside and outside of the pot.

Repeat this, adding slightly longer coils to make your pot wider, or slightly smaller ones to make it thinner, according to the shape of pot you wish to make.

Make sure all the coils are securely joined together by gently smoothing both inside and outside with your fingers.

Decorate the pot by making imprints with twigs and shells, or other natural materials with a rough surface. Use some of the designs overleaf for inspiration.

Once the pots are made, leave them to dry for around a week.

