



# Make your own Neolithic pinch pot



## ONE

Make a ball of clay - but not too big (only small pots can be made this way).



## TWO

Push your thumb into the middle - about half way through the ball.



## THREE

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

(It helps if you turn the pot round in your hand while you do this.)



## FOUR

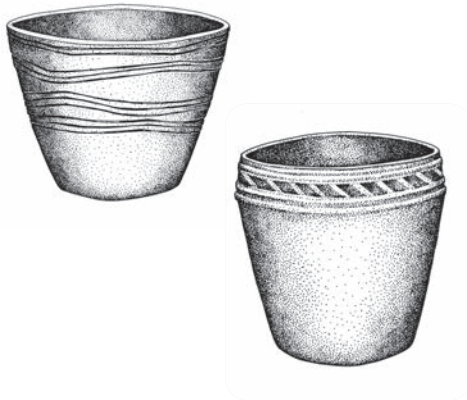
Smooth the inside and outside of the pot with your fingers.

(If you press the pot carefully onto a table this will make the bottom flat.)



## FIVE

Now you can decorate your pot however you like – you can use tools or press sea shells or string into the clay to make lines and patterns.



Neolithic people made decorated pottery – here are some pictures to give you some ideas.

(We call this sort of pottery “grooved ware” because of the patterns.)



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Heart of Neolithic Orkney  
inscribed on the World  
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