Texas Archeology Month Pinch Pot Kit

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• Modeling Clay — Keep the clay sealed in bag and damp when you are not working it. If it dries out, you can work in some water to rewet it. Roll clay on a covered surface. Keep a bowl of water near and a bucket for rinsing your hands and tools. DO NOT discard clay water in drains since it can cause clogging. Toss it outside.

• Tools for creating patterns in the wet clay

How to Make a Pinch Pot. Watch video here: https://youtu.be/grbIlklnej4

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.

2. Pull out the clay and unwrap it from the plastic. Pinch off a section large enough to roll the clay into a 2 inch ball. Use the remaining clay to make more pinch pots.

3. Set the clay ball on the table, and press a dent in the center of the ball with your thumb.

4. Use your fingers to pinch the sides to flatten them into walls and stretch the bottom into a bowl shape.

5. Use the tools to draw designs in the wet clay.

6. Let the clay air-dry.

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