

Nom : African potters

Description : African potters--primarily women--handbuild a variety of vessels that they embellish with beautiful colors, designs and motifs before firing them at low temperatures. Containers made for daily use hold water or serve as cooking utensils. They also make vessels to be used in special ceremonies or that become part of an assemblage of objects placed in a shrine. The potter has created a beautifully proportioned vessel in which the shape of the vessel's waist balances the neck and shoulder on top with the body below. The burnished surface, red body, faceted oval medallions and multiple incisions were all executed with care. The vessel probably was a highly valued personal possession.

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