

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 vessel's expanded body, short neck and narrow opening are aptly suited to the vessel's purpose as a water container. The potter probably made the bottom first by placing the clay inside the hollow of an old pot and then finished the top using the coil method.

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