

Nom : Bowl

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 spatter design on this bowl was created when the potter applied a mixture concocted from tree bark to the hot body of the vessel fresh from firing. As the mixture evaporated, the irregular concentric rings developed. Bowls of various sizes were created for multiple purposes.

Date de prise de l'image : 21 septembre 2008

Source : Musée national d'art africain