Case 4-Eur-Greece-Kylix-Ceramic-Black Glaze-550 BCE

Greek kylix κύλιξ, pl.. κύλικες) is a [wine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wine)-drinking vessel of the 6th and 5th century BCE.

A broad shallow body with two horizontal symmetrical handles enabled the drinker to drink whilst recumbent, as was the case in the symposia, the Greek equivalent of a cocktail party. The almost flat interior circle on the interior base of the cup, called the [tondo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tondo_%28art%29), was the primary surface for painted decoration in the [Black-figure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black-figure_pottery) or [Red-figure](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red-figure_pottery) styles. As the representations would be covered with wine, the scenes would only be revealed in stages as the wine was drained. They were often designed with this in mind, with scenes created so that they would surprise or titillate the drinker as they were revealed. The word comes from the [Greek](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_language) kylix "cup," which is cognate with Latin calix, the source of the English word "[chalice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chalice_%28cup%29" \o "Chalice (cup))."Greek black glazed Stem Kylix dated to the mid 4th century.

The black glazed Kylix has a base ring stem and two handles 20.4 cm wide 7 cm high