

Mayan Pots

The Mayans were artists and made their own pots out of clay by hand. They made pots for everyday use to keep food and liquids in and also used them for more ceremonial occasions, such as for feasts or for the graves of nobles.

We had hoped to make pots with you in class this term out of clay. However, as our learning has now had to move to remote learning, Mrs Soley has planned a drawing session you can do at home linked to [Mayan pottery](#).

Here are some photos of Mayan pottery. Have a look at the different shapes, patterns and colours.



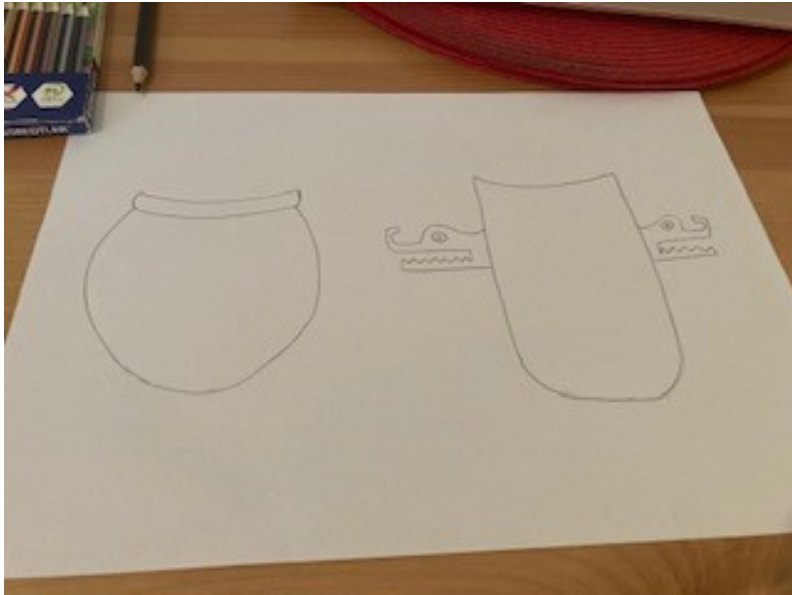
Today you are going to be designing and drawing your own Mayan style pot.

Here are your instructions from Mrs Soley:

- You can choose from a simple form pot giving it either curved sides or straight. Don't forget, the Mayans made their pots by hand so for everyday use it would have been quite plain. For more ceremonial use, or just plain showing off, they would have added extra bits to their pots.
- Think about the colours you might use. If you research Mayan clay pots, you will see that they used a lot of yellow, orange and brown colours but also some green. I also noticed some black and inky blues.
- Decide what your subject design will be. The Mayans liked to use the human form, either just heads or whole bodies as well as nature. I also noticed some mythical creatures such as dragons and monsters. Together with these, Mayans used simple patterns which could be 3 dimensional.



You will need paper, a pencil, colouring pencils/pens and some images to inspire you.



I am showing you a simple pot with design and a more elaborate one to give you a couple of ideas.

I hope you enjoy your first art lesson and I look forward to seeing your designs as Miss Olver puts them on the website.