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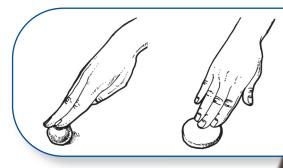
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How to Recreate an Anglo-Saxon Pot

You will need:

A flat surface
Clay
Tools to draw patterns into the clay
(plastic knife, pencil etc)
Bowl of water





- Start by getting a piece of clay as big as a ping pong ball.
- Roll it with your hands into a ball shape.
- Put it on a flat surface and gently flatten it down using the palm of your hand, until it is about 1 cm thick.
- Make sure you can easily lift it off the surface, as you don't want to get your pot stuck. You now have a base for your pot.
- Get a new piece of clay and roll it into a sausage shape long enough to go around the edge of the pot base.
- Place it on top of your pot base, wind it around and break the coil off when you have gone around the base once.





- Using your fingers smooth the coil onto the base so you can't see the join on the inside and outside.
- A little bit of water can help if it is dry.
- Roll out another sausage shape and do the same again
- Repeat the process until you are happy with the size of your pot.
- Make sure that all the coils are smoothed together and there are no gaps.
- When your pot is completely smooth you can decorate it. Carefully draw into the clay a simple geometric pattern.
- Make sure you put your initials on the base. Then leave it somewhere safe to dry.
- You now have your very own replica Anglo-Saxon pot!





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Examples of Anglo-Saxon pottery patterns







