THE CADDOW POTTERY TRADITION

Archeologists have been amassing and studying ancient Caddo pottery for almost a century and now know quite a bit about the Caddo pottery tradition and how it changed over time.

About 1200 years ago (ca. A.D. 800), ancestral Caddo potters began making pottery that is unmistakably Caddo because of the particular combinations of material, design, and execution. Many of the decorations found on Caddo pottery were created by scratching or marking designs into wet clay. Some of these distinct designs are shown below.

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