## TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY MONTH Pinch Pot Kit

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- Modeling clay Keep the clay sealed in the bag when you are not working with it.
- Tools for creating patterns in the wet clay
- Instructions are on the back!

Check out the Texas Archeology Month (TAM) website for design ideas, videos, and more fun archeology activities!

Scan the QR code below or go to: www.thc.texas.gov/tam





## How to Make a Pinch Pot

- 1. Cover a table with a tarp, plastic, newspaper, or trash bag to protect it, and set a bowl or bucket of water nearby for rewetting the clay and washing hands/tools. **DO NOT** discard clay water in drains since it can clog.
- **2.** Pull out the clay and unwrap it from the plastic. If it has dried out, you can work in some water to rewet it.
- **3.** Roll the clay into a ball. Set the ball on the table and use your thumb to press a dent in the center about 2/3 down through the ball.
- **4.** Use your fingers to pinch the sides to flatten them into walls and stretch the bottom into a bowl shape. If cracks form, put a little water on them and smooth them out with your finger.
- 5. Use the tools to draw designs in the wet clay.
- 6. Let the clay air-dry.