

# All about Clay!

Clay is made from minerals, animals and plants which have been ground into tiny particles over millions of years.



Adding water to clay turns it into a wet, squidgy mess!



Natural clay on a dried riverbed

Prehistoric people discovered that leaving clay objects in a hot oven (kiln) made them set very hard. This meant that the objects could be used over and over again.



These pots were made by a Stone Age person.



Stone Age people probably used kilns like this turf kiln to fire clay pots.

Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking people made different shaped pots and used different patterns to decorate them. This helps archaeologists find out who made the pots and how long ago they were made.



This pot was made by a Bronze Age person.

