

Vessel Variety

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Glass, Roman, hand-blown glass, 200-300 A. D.,
Gift of Evelyn and Harlow Russell, 2002.23



William Cox (American, 18th century),
Silver Coffee Pot, 1776, silver
Purchased in memory of Mary Lewin Dejonge
(Mrs. Max Emil Dejonge), 1962.2



Etruscan, *Bucchero Pesante Oinochoe*,
early 6th century BCE, bucchero ware
Gift of the Clementi Family Charitable Trust
on the Occasion of the 50th Wedding Anniversary
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Harvey Sadow (b. 1946), *Fire and Flood/Sacred Sites*,
1989, ceramic. 2001.22

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Looking for Inspiration

All of these are **vessels**, which means they are hollow inside and could hold liquids. Sometimes vessels are described in terms of human body parts: the lip, the neck, the shoulder, the body, the foot. Not all vessels have all of those parts.

- Notice the different shapes, colors, and decoration.
- Look at the buccero and silver tea/coffee pot and describe them in terms of the parts of the human body.

Materials Sculpting (paper clay is highly recommended)

Instructions Make a vessel!

With clay, paper clay, or plasticine:

- Use the pinch method: Put your thumb about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way into a ball of clay, pinch it slightly between your thumb and fingers, then rotate the clay a little bit and pinch again. Continue all around the ball of clay several times to make the main body of your vessel.
- Use the same method to make a foot or long neck (put your thumb all the way through the ball of clay once you make the shape you want) and add it to the vessel.

With papier maché:

- Blow up a small balloon; place it upside down in a smaller bowl to hold it. You may need to tape the balloon to the edge of the bowl to keep it in place.
- Dip strips of newspaper in watered-down glue (1:1 ratio), then overlap them over the balloon to make an upside-down bowl shape. Use several layers of newspaper strips.
- Let it dry; deflate the balloon. Use scissor to make the rim of the bowl even all the way around. If you want to add a foot to your bowl, cut off about $\frac{1}{2}$ " of a toilet paper cardboard tube and glue it to the bottom of your bowl.
- Paint your bowl or add a collage with patterned paper, buttons, etc. with glue.

A good resource is <https://www.instructables.com/lesson/Paper-Mache-With-Glue/>