



Plain, Coiled, or Painted

Gray Ware pitcher



Mesa Verde Black-on-white Kiva jar and lid



Corrugated jar

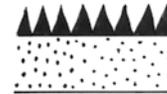
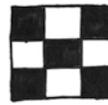
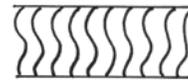


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Three distinctive types of pottery were used by Ancestral Puebloans: Gray Ware, Corrugated (coiled), and Painted. Gray Ware came first and was used for storage and everyday use. Corrugated pottery, developed about A.D. 1000, was easier to handle and more durable than smooth pottery. It was primarily used for cooking. Painted pottery was used for storing corn, carrying water, and ceremonial purposes. It took great care and artistry to produce these, using yucca brushes and mineral or plant-based paint to create the designs. The

pots probably held a special place in the Ancestral Pueblo home, and was excellent for trade.

Examples of Pottery Designs



DECORATE THE WATER JAR

Mesa Verde pottery is known for its beautiful designs. Draw your own design on this olla (water jar). Use the examples of pottery designs above, or make up your own.

