



## Decorate a Prehistoric Pot

When people made pottery thousands of years ago, they liked to decorate it with patterns. They would have used simple tools such as sharpened sticks and twisted string made from plant fibres to create lines and shapes on the clay before heating them in a fire to make them hard. They would then use the pots for cooking, storage and serving and eating food. At Lanton Quarry archaeologists have found lots of pieces of pottery with decorative patterns on. You can see some of these pieces of pottery below. Match the description by carefully looking at each pot fragment:

Finger impressions on top of the rim

Small twisted cord decoration arranged in a herring-bone pattern

Scored grooves in diagonal arrangements



### To decorate your own pot you will need:

Different coloured paints

Twigs and sticks

String

A comb

### Instructions:

Dip the different objects into the paint and then use them to make patterns on your pot. See how many different patterns you can make. You could even use your fingers to make different shapes.

