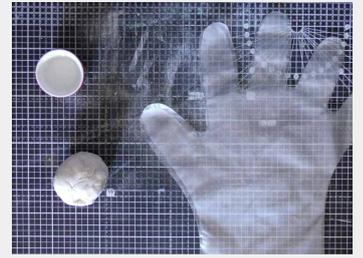


# Coil Clay Pots

For this activity you will need something to protect your work surface, such as a craft mat or newspaper; some air dry clay, salt dough or plasticine and some water in a small container. If you have dry or sensitive skin you may wish to wear protective gloves.

This activity is messy so adult supervision is recommended.



Begin by making the base of the pot. To do this roll some of your clay into a ball and squash it into a flat disc with the heel of your hand. You can use your fingers to shape the clay disc. If you find the clay dries out as you shape it you can moisten it with some water.

To make the walls of the pot roll some clay into a sausage that is the same thickness all the way along. The sausage should be long enough to fit round the outside of your disc once.



Spread a little water around the edge of the clay disc with your finger and gently press the clay sausage onto the edge of the clay disc.

Bowls and pots like this one were found at the Bronze Age site at Stanwick Lakes. The pots and beakers would have been used for food, drink and even metal working. If you were very rich, the outside of the pots and beakers would be decorated. Perhaps you can decorate your finished pot?



Using the tip of your finger, push some clay from the sausage into the base of your pot. This is to stop there from being any holes in your clay pot and helps to make the pot strong.

Make a second sausage and add it to the top of the pot. When you push the new clay down into the rest of the pot you will have to support the outside of the pot with your hand as shown in the picture below. You can also repeat the clay pushing process on the outside of the put, but make sure to support the inside of the pot.



Continue adding sausages until you are happy with size of your pot. Leave it in a safe place and wash your hands! If you are using air dry clay the bowls may take 2 to 3 days to dry out. If you are using salt dough please ask an adult to bake the pot according to your salt dough recipe.



This activity sheet is accompanied by a video tutorial which can be found on [www.nenesettlers.org](http://www.nenesettlers.org) and on our YouTube channel.