





## Pottery Project Discovery Hunt: Uses



**Storytelling** is important in many Native American cultures. Stories are passed down from elders to children and can help teach values and beliefs.

Storyteller figures are more recent. The first storyteller figure, made by Helen Cordero of Cochiti Pueblo, in 1964, represented her grandfather telling her stories. Some figures have many children listening, some only one listener, and others have animals listening.

**FIND** the storyteller figures in the exhibit. Do you have a favorite? Why?

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Is there someone in your life who tells you a special story? **DESCRIBE** what it is about:

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Pottery is found in homes all over the world. Sometimes they are decorative pieces, but often they are functional objects that are used everyday. Stoneware and porcelain are fired at hotter temperatures than earthenware and are formed into items like dishes and even toilet bowls. Dishes and floor tiles can also be made of earthenware.

Walk through your house in your mind. **LIST** the items you see made of pottery.

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**CHECK** when you get home to see if you discover any other pottery objects. You may be surprised!



# Pottery Project Discovery Hunt: How it's made

Below are pictures of Roberta Youvella Silas, a Hopi/Tewa/Laguna potter, making a pot.

Label the images in the correct order.



Ropes (coils) of clay are added.

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The potter draws her design before firing.

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A slip is applied to the pot and then polished with a smooth stone.

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The base is formed from a clay ball.

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The pot is protected by broken pottery while firing.

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The pot is almost ready to dry.

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Y	Z	P	P	I	Q	A	R	I	O	B	W	V	B	Q
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L	N	M	L	D	E	E	D	T	P	Z	D	I	H	Y
C	K	C	B	I	O	M	E	B	C	M	D	F	T	R
E	H	K	R	A	P	E	Z	Q	N	O	E	O	G	E
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**FIND** the following pottery terms in the word search!

- POTTERY
- SLIP
- DESIGN
- TEMPER
- ART
- CERAMIC
- CLAY
- FIRE
- COIL