

Pottery Survival Guide

HOW TO SCAVENGE TOOLS
& CRAFT WARES
OUT OF THE WILDS
OF YOUR OWN HOME



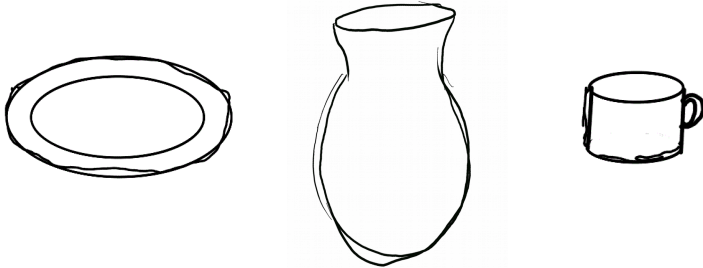
Queen City Clay

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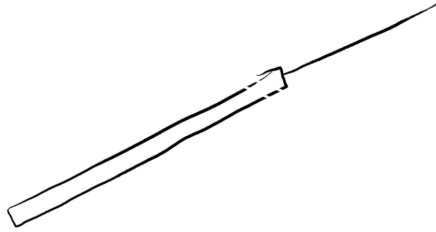
Clay - you know mud, right? Well clay is like sticky mud that can hold almost any shape you give it. Clay particles are super tiny and when they combine with water and an electric charge they can stick together AND slide around.



Pottery - any thing - vessels, pots, plates, vases, sculptures - made from clay and fired in a kiln.



Now that you've got it figured out, you have your **clay** and you want to **make some stuff!** You'll need a few tools to start your adventure, so let's get scavenging.

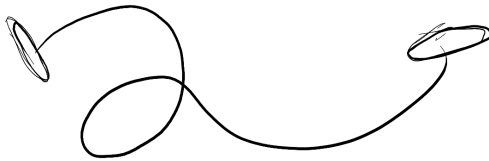


Needle Tool - used for cutting and trimming

Scavenge - butter knife, exacto knife, bamboo skewer, toothpick, sewing needle

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Push a needle into a wine cork, glue in place

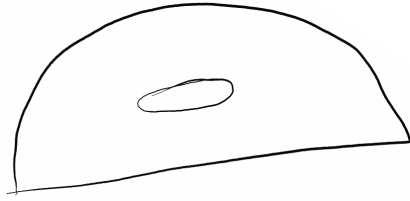


Wire Tool - used for cutting large lumps of clay

Scavenge - dental floss, string, fishing line

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Tie your "wire" to two AA batteries

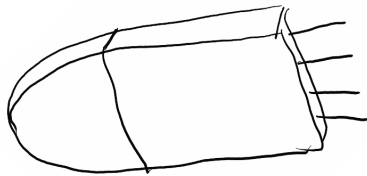


Rib - used for smoothing and compressing clay

Scavenge - credit card, gift card, flat spatula

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Cut up a plastic storage container

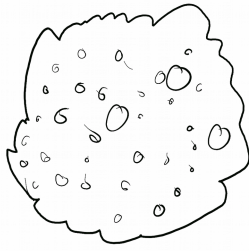


Scoring Tool - used for scratching clay to make velcro-like connections

Scavenge - fork, corn cob holder, edge of a steak knife

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Break off a piece of a fine toothed comb

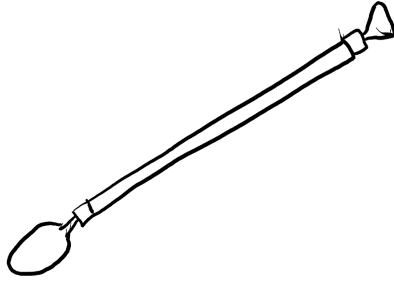


Sponge - used for cleaning up the surface of your clay

Scavenge - bath sponge, sock, rag, foam from an old pillow

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Cut the corner off a dish sponge



Carving Tool - used for carving and scratching the clay for decoration

Scavenge - pencil, pen cap, paper clip, fish hook, safety pin, baby spoon

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Glue/tie a bobby pin to a pencil

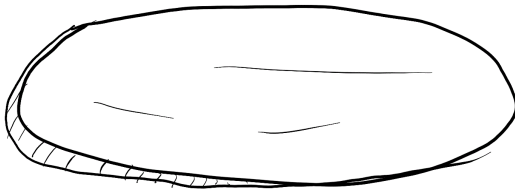
Now you are ready to make something!



Coil – a long roll made of clay

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Use your fingers to roll a coil that is the same size from beginning to end



Slab – flat piece of clay

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Use any cylinder, rolling pin, metal water bottle to flatten clay into a sheet – cornstarch keeps the clay from sticking



Slip – mixture of clay and water used as a glue to hold pieces together

Survivalist Pro-Tip

Use an old baby food jar to store slip