

Pottery Mending Tips

- Try to glue fragments from the base of the piece of pottery (the part that rests on the table surface when the vessel is complete) first. Finish by gluing fragments at the top or rim.
- When you have found a mend, spread glue in a thin coat along the broken edge of *one* fragment.
- Fit pieces together; wiggle slightly back and forth until they lock into place.
- Hold glued pieces together with masking tape and embed them upright in sand or cat litter with the two glued edges pressing against one another. Place the larger of the two sherds on the bottom. Let dry about ten minutes.
- In order to tell if you have made a good mend, you should be able to lightly draw a fingernail over the mend and not have it catch or snag. Another way to check is to hold the mended pottery up to the light. If no light shows through the mended crack, then you have made a good mend.