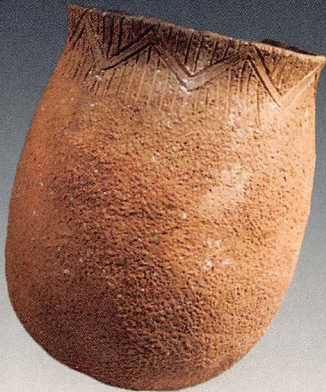


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Pottery was an incredibly useful tool for American Indians in the Chesapeake region. It was used every day to do things like store food, cook over the fire, and carry water. The method used to make and decorate pottery has changed over time. Different groups of people also had unique styles and techniques for making and decorating pottery. Sometimes, a style would spread from one group to the other. So, by looking at shards of pottery left over from long ago, archeologists can understand how different cultures learned skills from one another. Pottery was an art form that was mostly done by the women of the tribe. Today, craftspeople from several tribes still keep the tradition alive.