Ancient Greek Vases

Today we use cups and mugs to drink out of, but back in Ancient Greece they used something a little different called Greek vases. Greek vases were used by people hundreds of years ago to drink from, carry liquids, hold food and even to store things in. Not only were they used for everyday activities, but they also had beautiful paintings on them. The paintings told magical stories about heroes, villains and all kinds of people from ancient Greece. These tales are called myths. Here are some examples.

Back then, people called potters had to collect the right ingredients like clay (mud) to make the vases and then shape them. Greek vases came in all different shapes and sizes depending on what they were being used for. After shaping the vases, the potters would bake the vases until they were hard. Next a painter would draw on the vases. We get to look at them today because scientists called archeologist carefully dug them up under layers of dirt. So now you get to be both a potter and a painter because it’s your turn to make your own Greek vase. You’re going to gather your ingredients, mix the right amount, let it harden and paint your own stories. Be creative!
Materials:

➢ Microwavable container
➢ Parchment paper
➢ Wooden spoon or a mixing utensil
➢ Paint
➢ Following list of ingredients:

Ingredients:

➢ ½ cup of cornstarch
➢ 2 tablespoons of oil
➢ 1 tablespoon of lemon juice
➢ 4 ounces of white glue

Steps:

1. Combine ½ cup of cornstarch and 4 oz of glue in a microwave-safe container. Mix until smooth.
2. Add remaining ingredients (oil and lemon juice). Mix until combined.
3. Microwave mix for 30 seconds.
4. Remove from microwave, mix and place back in for another 30 seconds.
5. When complete, use a wooden spoon and move around the bowl until it has a dough-like consistency.
6. Remove mix from the container and place it on parchment paper that has been lined with cornstarch.
7. Knead with cornstarch until it’s no longer sticky and has a smooth texture.
8. The clay is now ready to mold into what Greek vase shape you choose.
9. After shaping, allow to dry. This particular recipe dries with 24-48 hours.
10. And finally decorate your vase with your own story.

🎉 Congratulations, you’ve created your own masterpiece!!! 🎨