

Ancient Tool Project

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200,000 years ago, in South Africa, in the Middle Paleolithic Age and when the Homo Sapiens lived, this bowl was found. Not too far in the cave it was found in, just under rocks, leaves, dirt, and other natural things. This is a small bowl made out of clay. The early humans found the clay in a creek, dug out the clay, molded it into this shape, and waited for it to dry. Because this is so small, I think it's crazy how it didn't break. Why I think it'll break, is because, there was dirt on top of it so it just got buried.

As you can see this is a very small bowl but it must have been special to someone a long time ago. This little bowl was most likely used for, holding small pieces of a tool that wasn't yet finished. Small pieces that could be held in it are things like, sharp rocks, and small sharpened sticks. If they put it in the bowl, that way they won't lose it easily. One other thing that people probably used this for is paint. Paint most likely made out of blackberries.

My friend went to South Africa and found this bowl and thought it was just a piece of dirt. It was given to me to look at and I realized it was an ancient clay bowl. I think it's amazing how cavemen and early human could do this. They had to teach themselves to do these amazing things that now are very expensive, old, ancient, and interesting to learn about.