

Pottery model - either a house or tomb

This is a pottery model of a house, but perhaps more likely of a tomb. It shows an open courtyard and pillars. Pillars were carved into the rock for the tombs of really wealthy people. So a model like this was likely made for those who had less wealth, who could not afford a big rock cut tomb, but who still wanted to enjoy the offerings that they hoped living people would bring to a tomb courtyard. Here we can see a basin or a pool which was to have water in it and a series of offerings of meat, vegetables and bread.

These are depicted on a small scale on this model but the Egyptians believed by magic the spirit of the deceased person could use this model in the same way as they could a full scale rock cut tomb chamber.