



Vase with black rim

Not on display

Title/Description: Vase with black rim

Object Type: Vase

Materials: Terracotta

Measurements: h. 225 x w. 137 x d. 145 mm

Accession Number: 1025

Historic Period: Predynastic (c. 3000 BC)

Production Place: Africa, Egypt, Nagada

Credit Line: Purchased with support of the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Art Trust, 1990

Black top vessels are a distinctive type found widely in Predynastic contexts, most notably in tombs. They were made in a variety of shapes, from low bowls to tall vases such as this example, which has thin walls and is in relatively good condition. Vessels of this type, of Nile river clay, were hand-modelled, without the use of a potter's wheel, and were burnished before firing to achieve a glossy sheen.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from K. J. Hewett in 1990 on the advice of Robert Sainsbury out of funds provided by the Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Art Trust.
