



# Vase with black rim

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**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

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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.

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## 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.

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