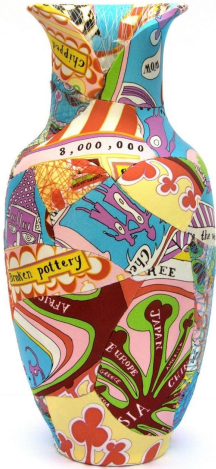




What is glaze?

Glaze is a thin coating applied to a clay body that is commonly used making in pottery.



What does it do?

Glaze protects the clay and makes it look good.

Glazes are made of ceramic materials.



Silica (sand) forms the base of many glazes.



Iron



Cobalt

Metallic compounds are added to give glazes different colors.



Copper

Glazes are like clothes.

Glazes

- protect the *clay body* from the environment (water, acidic food, sharp utensils)
- colorful patterns



Clothes

- protect *our bodies* from the environment (weather, dirt, etc.)
- colorful patterns



Crazed glazes are like ripped jeans.



Not as strong
Looks cool



Crazing is when a glaze cracks as it cools after being fired in a furnace. It isn't as strong as normal glaze, but it looks cool.