

**Proper care and  
maintenance of  
ceramics and  
glass**



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- **Proper care and maintenance of your family heirlooms and works of art will ensure that they are available for future generations to enjoy**



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- **The primary means by which ceramics and glass objects deteriorate is through accidental cracking and breaking, often the result of improper handling**



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- **Always overestimate the brittleness and underestimate the strength of an artifact**



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- **Carry one object at a time, and place your hands around the body of the object rather than using an existing handle, rim or spout**



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- **Store and display on a sturdy, level surface that is secure from bumps and jarring; objects should be covered or enclosed to protect them from dirt and dust**



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- If this is not possible, wrap pieces in acid-free, lignin-free tissue and store in strong, secure acid-free cardboard boxes
- Newspaper should not be used for storage as it can cause discoloration and stains



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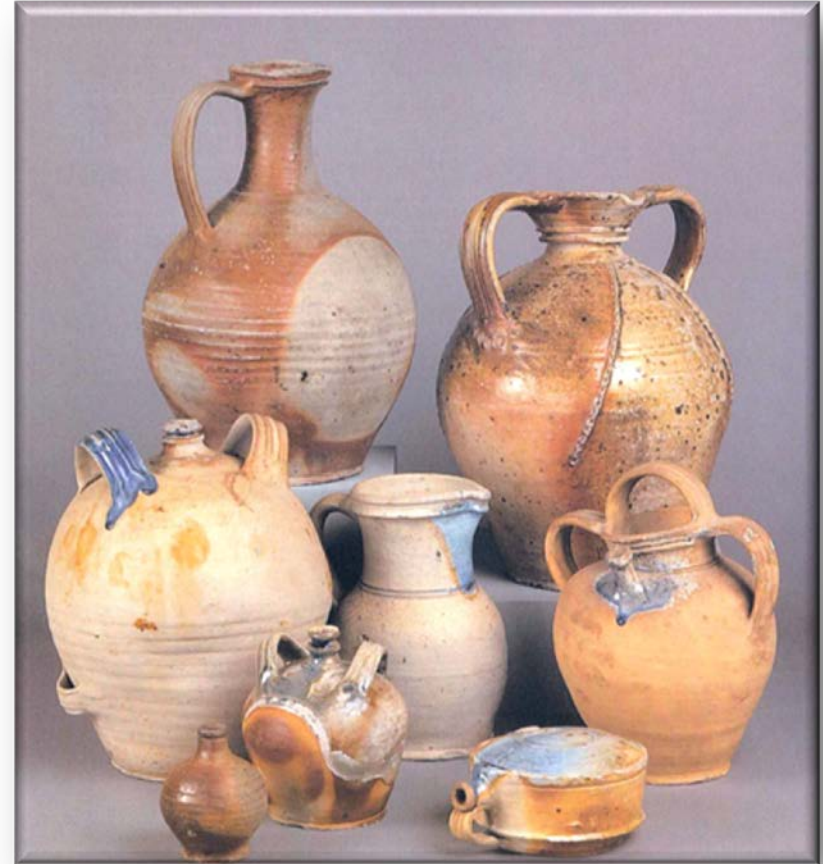
- **Ceramics and glass objects should be kept free of dust, debris and oily residues**
- **In general, it is not a good idea to routinely wash these pieces; it is much better to protect them from dirt**





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- **Porous ceramics, like earthenware, should never be immersed in water**



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- **Leaving liquids inside vessels for long periods of time can damage glass**





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