

**Q:** Did the ancient Greeks paint on surfaces other than pottery?

**A:** Yes. Although what has survived of Greek painting is primarily pottery painting, the ancient Greeks had rich traditions of painting on wood, stone, walls, architecture, and sculptures. Wood objects and textiles did not survive the centuries, and nor did the paint upon the buildings and sculptures, and this explains why the reconstitution of a history of painting in ancient Greece is often limited to the history of pottery painting. Clay vessels that were decorated and fired stood the test of time, and if broken could often be pieced back together.

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