

# Vessel Sculpture



Leon Volkmar (American, 1879-1915) *Bowl*, 1919, Earthenware with blue and aubergine glaze. Gift of Kate Fowler Merle-Smith, 1978. (1978.28.4)

Artists use sculpture and create artworks that can be used in different ways. Leon Volkmar, an American potter, created earthenware ceramics that people could use in their daily lives. Volkmar used interesting glazes and coloring to make each artwork unique and special. Do you own a work of art that you can use every day? Think of your favorite mug or fruit bowl. How can you take an everyday object and make it a beautiful work of art through adding color and details. Create a vessel sculpture with clay, model magic, or DIY salt dough. Mix colors, shape your vessel, and sculpt with tools to create a useable artwork.

## Make your Salt Dough

- ½ cup of salt • 1 cup of Flour • ¾ cup of water • Measuring cup • Mixing bowl

Instructions: Assemble your ingredients. Measure out your flour, water and salt. Mix your flour, salt, and water together into a big bowl until it's even and smooth. You can use a whisk or fork, or your hands. If your dough is too dry, add more water. If it is too wet, add more flour. When your dough is mixed, you can knead it until it is smooth on a table or counter.

## Project Examples

