

## PROJECT!

## DESIGN A CUP

Become an ancient Aztec or Maya artisan in this activity.

**1** Measure how much string it takes to wrap all the way around the cup. Lay the string on the craft paper and cut a wide strip of paper that is a little longer than your string. Lay the strip of paper on a flat surface.

**2** With an adult's permission, go to this website and look at the pottery examples. Choose a design that inspires you.

**3** Take your pencil and create a similar design. It does not have to be exact.

**4** When you are happy with the design, use the crayons to add color.

**5** Arrange the design around the paper cup and tape the ends to secure it. You will use your cup in the next activity.



MEXICOLORE POTTERY

**TRY THIS!** The Aztecs drank cacao from earthen dishes and gourds. You can paint a small dried bottle gourd you get from the grocery store. Sketch a design on the gourd. Paint the outline and then fill in the design with acrylic paints. Ask an adult to apply a spray varnish.

## SUPPLIES

- \* string
- \* large paper cup
- \* craft paper
- \* scissors
- \* pencil, crayons
- \* clear tape