



Maria Martinez



Maria Martinez 1887-1980

Maria Martinez was a Native American potter from San Ildefonso Pueblo in New Mexico. She was born in 1887. She became well known for making black pottery by hand. She worked with her husband, Julian, to create and decorate the pots. Her work is now in museums around the world.

Useful Vocabulary

- **Mould** - To shape something with your hands.
- **Manipulate** - To move or change something carefully.
- **Texture** - How something feels (like rough or smooth).
- **Carve** - To cut into something to make a shape or design.
- **Design** - To plan how something will look.
- **Evaluate** - To look at something and decide what you like or what could be better.
- **Explore** - To look at or try something new.
- **Develop** - To make something better or add more to it.
- **Models** - Small versions of something you can make or build.
- **Tools** - Things we use to help us make or do something.
- **Carving** - Cutting into something to make shapes or patterns.



