Predynastic Egyptian Pottery

Pottery is one of the most common artifacts from the Predynastic Period (4000-3000 B.C.), which is the time before the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt under one king. Pots, bowls and jars were made of clay and decorated with drawings of birds, animals, plants, stick-figure people, boats and geometric designs (such as dots or wavy lines). The pottery was usually a light color and the decoration was done with reddish-brown paint. This type of pottery is called "Decorated Ware." Some people believe that these designs were made by finger painting because sometimes we see fingerprints in the paint.