

Mata Ortiz Pottery

The small village of Mata Ortiz in the state of Chihuahua in Northern Mexico has been on the map since a native named Juan Quezada discovered ancient pottery fragments in ruins outside of that village and began creating his own designs and pieces that have now won world wide acclaim.

There are 500 families in the village creating their own designs and interpretations of the history and art of their ancient Casas Grandes (“Big House”) culture. The works are one of a kind, signed and made of local clay without benefit of a potter’s wheel or kiln. They use any tool available to make designs and sometimes even baby hair as a paint brush. The pieces which are formed by hand are fired on the ground in a carefully piled mound of cow chips.

Their work is exhibited all over the world and is in the hands of private collectors and museum collections.

Mata Ortiz pottery is segregated in the shop as they are from Mexico.