Resources on Greek Vases and Vase Painting

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**Resources**

**Books on Greek Vases and Vase Painting**


Trendall, A. D. 1989. *Red Figure Vases of South Italy and Sicily*. London: Thames and Hudson.


**Basic Information about Vase Painting**

- Boardman 2002
- Phoca and Valavanis 1992
- Rasmussen and Spivey 1991
- Williams 1999

**Useful Overviews and Information about Techniques, Tool Use, and Slips**

- Boardman 2002: 282–289 (decorating surface of vase)
- Boardman 2000, BF: 9–12 (BF overview)
- Boardman 2000, RF-Archaic: 11–12 (painting techniques)
- Boardman 2001: 282–289 (tools, artist’s sketches impressed lightly on the clay before painting, slip)
- Boardman 1989, RF-Classical: 231–233 (slip, painting techniques)
- Clark, Elston, and Hart 2002: 72 (BF); 131, 138–139 (overview RF) Hemelrijk, ch. 10, in Rasmussen 1991, pp. 236–244 (working with clay, firing, and decorating the surface)
- Neer 2002: 32–38
- Noble 1988: 37–38 (slip recipe for making one’s own black slip for painting); 51–53 (sketching the image on the clay before painting); 56–58 (on the theory that a syringe was used to achieve a raised line; see Boardman 2001: 286 on using a hair, instead); 61 (on burnishing); 65–66 (on incising details into the BF silhouette)
Modern Explanations for the Change from Black Figure to Red Figure
- Biers 1996: 185
- Boardman 2000 (RF-Archaic): 12–14
- Boardman 2001: 79
- Cooper 2000: 44
- Neer 2002: 32–38
- Osborne 1998: 135–137
- Robertson 1994: 9
- Williams in Rasmussen and Spivey 1991: 103–118

Famous Experiments in Making and Decorating Greek Vases
- Noble 1988
- Schreiber 1999

Short Explanations of the Firing Process
- Noble 1988: 77–78
- Williams 1999: 9–10

Images of Greek Potters and Painters at Work
- Boardman 2001: figs. 314, 315
- Noble 1988: figs. 74, 207
- Schreiber 1999: figs. 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

Practice Sketch Made on Surface of Vase before Painting
- Schreiber 1999: fig. 3.1
- Williams 1999: fig. 123

Useful Overviews of Mythology in Art
- Henle 1973
- Woodford 2003

Terrific Large Pictures of Vase Painting
- Arias and Hirmer 1962
- Lissarrague 2001

Useful Posters for the Classroom

Sample Coloring Books with Images from Greek Vase Painting
Bellerophon Books: General
- Ancient Greece (ISBN 0-88388-000-8)
- Amazon (ISBN 0-88388-201-9)
- Greek Goddess (ISBN 0-88388-253-1)

Bellerophon Books: Homer