



Talavera Pottery

Art of Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, México

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Talavera is a wonderful style of in-glaze decorated pottery with Mediterranean influences. Brought into Mexico through the Spaniards in the early 1600's, Talavera offers us bold, bright colors and distinctive traditional designs with evolving shapes and styles. Our potters bring generations of experience in making pottery, plus technical expertise and training in ceramics. Using sifted clay that is mixed and soaked in water tanks, potters use molds to form each piece, uniform in size. After a firing and sanding in a gas-fired kiln, they are covered with a glaze, then hand-painted with mineral colors. The outlines of the designs are drawn by skilled painters, then the designs are filled in with vibrant colored paints. Finally, relief work is applied. During the second firing, at temperatures of over 1040°C for over 6 hours, the coloring oxides sink into the glaze, producing what is called *majolica*, the timeless style of Talavera. ©

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