

Roof Tile Producing Techniques Used by Potters in the Aegean Region



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ABSTRACT

In traditional life before the technological age, people produced the forms they needed to meet their basic needs using raw materials found in their geographic data. Although roof tiles are essentially manufactured for the same purpose, they differ from one another due to geographical and cultural differences. Besides other cultures examples of roof tiles, this study focuses on traditional pottery roof tiles producing techniques which were the most commonly used material for roofing houses to meet the human need as shelter.

During the fieldwork phase of the author's 2003 master's thesis titled "The Current Situation of Traditional Pottery in the Aegean Region," it was determined that ceramic roof tiles were produced using two distinct techniques. One of the techniques used in roof tile production in the Aegean region is shaping on a potter's wheel. Another roof tile-making technique is plate forming. In plate forming, two metal molds are used. The aim of this study is to provide a detailed account of these ceramic roof tile production techniques through drawings and literature review.

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