



The soul of soil, *spun into stillness.*

Every pot begins as river clay in the hands of a potter, and ends as a quiet object in your home.

HANDMADE IN KHURJA, INDIA

A slow craft studio from the banks of the Ganges

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Seven generations, *one wheel.*

We work with a single family of potters in Khurja, who have thrown clay on one wheel for over 180 years.

Every Mudkraft piece begins as unglazed river clay and is shaped entirely by hand: no moulds, no machines. Each handi, kadhai and bhagona carries the marks of the potter who made it.

Then it is fired slowly, over 48 hours, so it is ready for years of everyday cooking.



Freshly thrown pots drying before firing.

From river to table

01

Source

Unglazed river clay, prepared by hand.

02

Throw

Shaped on the wheel. No moulds, no machines.

03

Finish

Lids and rims fitted and refined by hand.

04

Fire

48 hours of slow firing in the kiln.

7

GENERATIONS

180+

YEARS AT THE WHEEL

12

MASTER POTTERS

48 h

SLOW FIRING

Better for you, *kinder to the earth.*

01 WATER

Naturally alkaline water

Clay is faintly alkaline, so water resting in it loses the sharp acidity of tap water.

- Rounder, sweeter taste
- No metallic notes

02 MINERALS

Trace minerals from the earth

Water seeping through micro-porous walls picks up small, natural amounts of minerals.

- Iron, magnesium and calcium from Ganges silt
- No chlorine aftertaste, no plastic leaching

03 COOLING

Cool water, no electricity

Thousands of tiny pores let water evaporate, keeping it 8–12 °C below room temperature.

- Gentle on the throat
- No fridge, no power, no plastic

04 NUTRIENTS

Nutrients kept in slow cooking

A handi cooks the way grandmothers did: low, slow and even, with steam breathing through the walls.

- Keeps moisture in dal and rice
- Needs less oil than metal cookware

AT A GLANCE

Earthen clay vs. the rest

	TASTE	MINERALS	TEMPERATURE	FOOTPRINT
Clay matka	Alkaline, gentle	Natural iron, Mg, Ca	Naturally cool	Zero plastic, zero power
Plastic bottle	Acidic	None	Warms in the sun	Can leach microplastics
Steel, from fridge	Ice-cold	None	Harsh on the throat	Needs electricity

Know your clay.

Every Mudkraft piece is made from river clay tested by an independent national laboratory.

TESTED BY

Central Glass &
Ceramic Research
Institute

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ORIGIN

River bank silt, Ganges tributary, Khurja (Uttar Pradesh)

DEPTH OF EXTRACTION

1.8–2.4 metres, below the topsoil horizon

Physical properties

Colour, wet / fired	Ochre-brown / terracotta
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Plasticity index	22.4 · highly plastic
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Shrinkage, wet to fired	9.7%
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Water absorption, fired	12.8%
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Firing range	920–1040 °C
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Kiln	Wood, 48 h slow cycle
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Chemical properties

pH	7.2 · near-neutral
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Organic content	1.8% · aged 90 days
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Iron oxide (Fe ₂ O ₃)	6.4%
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Silica (SiO ₂)	58.1%
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Alumina (Al ₂ O ₃)	18.3%
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Lead, cadmium, arsenic	Not detected
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PARTICLE SIZE

Clay 58% · Silt 34% · Fine sand 8%

Clay 58%

Silt 34%

Food
safe

Heavy metals below detectable limits. No chemical glaze.

The full lab report is available on request. WhatsApp +91 99906 49990.

Cookware

for slow, honest cooking
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Handi

~~₹1,990~~ **₹1,390**

Dal that tastes of the earth

MUD001

2.5 L · 20 × 20 × 16 cm

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Kadhai

~~₹2,060~~ **₹1,440**

Wide, shallow, patient

MUD002

3 L · 26 × 26 × 10 cm

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Bhagona

~~₹2,580~~ **₹1,800**

Slow food, slower fire

MUD003

4 L · 24 × 24 × 18 cm

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Roaster · Tawa

~~₹1,800~~ **₹1,260**

For rotis with a kiln-warm edge

MUD004

One size · 24 × 24 × 6 cm

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Serveware

for the table and the old rituals

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MUD005

Jug

Water that remembers the river

1.5 L · 14 × 14 × 20 cm

₹1,180 ~~₹1,690~~



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MUD006

Dahi Handi

For curd set the old way

1.5 L · 16 × 16 × 12 cm

₹1,020 ~~₹1,460~~



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MUD007

Dahi Handi · Small

Little vessel, full ritual

750 g · 12 × 12 × 8 cm

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Season your handi so it never cracks.

Terracotta is alive: it expands, breathes and remembers heat. One evening of care, then years of cooking.

1 Soak 12–24 hours

Submerge the pot and lid so the clay fills its pores with water.

2 Dry in the shade 6–8 hours

Upside-down on a cloth, out of direct sun. A full day in humid weather.

3 Oil the inside 10 minutes

A thin layer of cold-pressed mustard or coconut oil. Skip refined oils.

4 Cook rice first 45 min, low flame

½ cup rice, 2 cups water and a pinch of salt seal the pores with starch.

5 Every day Ongoing

Warm water and a soft cloth, sun-dry after washing, re-oil monthly.

NEVER

Put a cold pot on a hot flame

Use dish soap or detergent

Store food in it overnight



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