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_Santana Martinez_  
(American)

*Feather Vase*

1983  
earthenware with black on black slip design,  
3 1/2” x 4 7/8”  
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Natural materials such as clay, yucca leaves and sheep manure were used to make this vase. Every part of the creation of this piece is sacred, from gathering the clay from the earth, the leaves for brushes and manure to fire the piece. The artist follows her native traditions taught by her mother-in-law Maria Martinez, a famous potter.

The feather design, color, texture, and shape of the vase by Santana Martinez reflect the hot and dry climate of San Ildefonso Pueblo in the Southwest.

In what kind of environment do you live?

What colors, textures and natural materials remind you of your environment?
Draw a container and decorate it to reflect your environment.