Terracotta /*n*/: unglazed, typically brownish-red earthenware, used chiefly as an ornamental building material and in modeling; an unglazed, clay-based material. Usually very porous. Comes from the Latin (terra cocta) 🡪 Italian (terra cotta) meaning baked earth in the early 18th Century. It is a medium that is used all around the world, across centuries, in a variety of ways (as you can see below).

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🡨 Roundel by Luca and Andrea della Robbia (glazed)


[The Terracotta Warriors](https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destinations/asia/106211842/the-terracotta-warriors-xian-china-nothing-can-prepare-you-for-this), Xi’an, China



Natural History Museum, London; terracotta façade of Victorian Era