The Metropolitan Museum of Art: Hippopotamus of Ancient Egypt

Hippopotamus is an Egyptian sculpture made sometime between 1981 and 1885 B.C. Discovered in an ancient Egyptian tomb, it was molded out of a kind of ceramic clay made from ground quartz. The sculpture measures about 4 1/2 inches high and 8 inches across. It is covered in a light blue glaze, with painted black details.

