

Pottery Wheel Basics

Fundamentals and Centering

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G Goal of the day: Prepare clay, center safely, open, pull up and create a simple basic form.

Ceramic production process



The complete process usually takes about 1-2 weeks.

Schedule

10:00-10:20	Welcome, introductions and overview
10:20-11:10	Demonstration I: Preparing and centering clay
11:10-11:20	Short break
11:20-12:10	Demonstration II: Opening and pulling up
12:10-12:20	Short break
12:20-13:00	First exercises and questions
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-14:50	Wheel practice and individual guidance
14:50-15:00	Short break
15:00-15:50	Wheel practice and individual guidance
15:50-16:00	Short break
16:00-16:30	Shaping and finishing the pieces
16:30-17:00	Cleaning and tidying up

Clay types

-  Black clay
-  Stoneware clay
-  Porcelain

In this course we use stoneware clay.

Differences

- Firing temperature
- Plasticity
- Shrinkage
- Color

Steps at the wheel

1 Prepare clay

2 Center

3 Open

4 Pull up

5 Shape

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