

8 Week Course Overview

Our 6 week course is a place to develop your own design ideas and projects. Ahead of your first class, you may want to review this information and consider what you'd like to produce over the six weeks. Everyone works at a different pace and on different projects. Classes are small, with two tutors so there's plenty of one-on-one help when needed.

In week one we get out the pens and paper and have you sketch out some ideas. Feel free to bring sketches or printouts with you to help illustrate what you want to make. This time really sets out how the rest of the weeks will go. We will help you break down your projects into stages. Most pottery is created from the same basic building techniques - **Pinch, Coil and Slab**. We can use one or a mix of these techniques to create your items.

You can decide if you want to do many small items or just spend time on one or two larger projects. As clay takes time to dry it's always good to have at least 2 projects going at any time so as one dries you can work on the others.

EXAMPLES OF PAST STUDENT WORK



1 butter dish with lid and 2 berry bowls

- Week 1 Drawing the sizes and shapes of these designs
- Week 2 Making small models of the pieces
- Week 3 Tidying up designs
- Week 4 Making slabs for the butter dish and pinch pots for the bowls
- Week 5 Assembling the butter dish and making the bowls larger with coils
- Week 6 Tidying up the designs
- Week 7 Decorating the butter dish
- Week 8 Decorating the bowls



2 large coil built vases

- Week 1 Drawing the sizes and shapes of these designs
- Week 2 Making small models of the pieces
- Week 3 Prepping lots of coils and making a start on the bases
- Week 4 Extending the coils
- Week 5 Wheel throwing
- Week 6 Wheel throwing
- Week 7 Extending and tidying vases
- Week 8 Decorating all the thrown pieces and vases

Don't know where to start? Check out these links for inspiration:

thebeginningartist.com/pottery-ideas-for-beginners

thebeginningartist.com/coil-pottery-ideas

thebeginningartist.com/slab-pottery-ideas