

Carved Pinch Pot Instructions

Important Note: You must keep your project moist by properly wrapping it every day!

Before you Begin:

1. Sketch your design in your journal. You will come up with 4 different ideas and sketch them under “**Drawings of Proposed Projects Here**”. Your drawing must also be extremely detailed. Your design must be approved and signed off with me before you get clay.
2. You must create 3 practice handles by following the steps below.
3. Step 1: Create a carrot shaped pulling bank
4. Step 2: Using lots of water pull downward to create the pottery handle
5. Step 3: Set the pulled handle on an edge to dry slightly
6. You must get all practice handles signed off with me. Before a handle can be signed off you must write 3 sentences about what turned out well and what you might change.

How to Make a Pitcher

1. Decide which handbuilding method you would like to use such the coil, slab, or pinch. You may also use the pottery wheel to construct your pitcher.
2. Construct the body of your pitcher using your preferred method.
3. Once the body of your pitcher is complete create a beak spout.
4. To create a beak spout rollout a slab about 1/8” thick
5. Cut out the following shape out of the slab to create a spout.



6. Cut a triangle into the top portion of your pitcher using the shape above. This triangle should be slightly smaller so that the beak fits tightly.
7. Slip and score the beak spout into place. Use water to smooth all edges.
8. Create your forth pulled handle using the following steps
9. Step 1: Create a carrot shaped pulling bank
10. Step 2: Using lots of water pull downward to create the pottery handle
11. Step 3: Set the pulled handle on an edge to dry slightly
12. Step 4: Cut the pulled handle away from the pulling blank
13. Step 5: Attach the handle using the slip and score technique. Your piece must be leather hard before you can attach a handle. Do not touch the outside of the handle. Press the base of the handle into your vessel. Smooth out any imperfections with your fingers or a tool. You can add clay to deep crevices.
14. Place your **first and last name along with the class period on the bottom**. For example, Lisa Hunter P. 1.
15. Once your pitcher is completed you must check with me before it can be placed on the greenware shelf. This is where you receive your greenware grade.
16. Ensure that your **first and last name along with the class period is on the bottom** and place it on the greenware shelf. Do not handle your pitcher once you have placed it on the greenware shelf. Clay is very fragile at this stage and will break easily.

Glazing your Carved Pitcher

1. Once your pitcher has been bisque fired it will be placed back on your shelf. It will now be bright white. You will paint a small layer of wax resist on the bottom. Be careful not to get wax resist anywhere it is not wanted. It does not wash off your pinch pot. Let the wax resist dry before glazing.
2. You will then decide which glaze and glazing method you would like to use. Stir the glaze thoroughly.
3. Use the dipping tongs provided. Dip your pitcher into the glaze for roughly 3 seconds. If your glaze is too thick it will run during the firing.
4. Wash off any unwanted glaze on the bottom with a sponge and place on the glaze shelf.
5. Your project **must** be graded before it can be taken home!