

Teapot 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.

How to Make a Teapot:

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 teapot.
2. Construct the body of your teapot using your preferred method.
3. Once the body of your teapot is complete create the spout and handle. If you are using the wheel you must trim the bottom of your teapot before you attach appendages.
4. Before attaching the spout drill small holes into the body of your teapot where the water will flow. Attach the spout using the slip and score method. Smooth out all imperfections with water and a sponge.
5. Create a pulled handle using the following steps
6. Step 1: Create a carrot shaped pulling blank
7. Step 2: Using lots of water pull downward to create the pottery handle
8. Step 3: Set the pulled handle on an edge to dry slightly
9. Step 4: Cut the pulled handle away from the pulling blank
10. 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.
11. Place your **first and last name along with the class period on the bottom**. For example, Lisa Hunter P. 1.
12. 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.
13. 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 teapot once you have placed it on the greenware shelf. Clay is very fragile at this stage and will break easily.

How to Make Cups:

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 cups. You are required to make 2 matching cups. These need to be the same size. If you are using the wheel calipers will be needed.
2. Pull handles for your cups using the steps above. If you are using the wheel you must trim the bottom of your cups before you attach appendages.
3. Once your cups are completed you must check with me before they can be placed on the greenware shelf. This is where you receive your greenware grade.
4. 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 cups once you have placed them on the greenware shelf. Clay is very fragile at this stage and will break easily.

Glazing your Teapot and Cups:

1. Once your teapot and cups have been bisque fired they will be placed back on your shelf. They will now be bright white. You will paint a small layer of wax resist on the bottoms. Be careful not to get wax resist anywhere it is not wanted. It does not wash off. 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 teapot into the glaze for roughly 3 seconds. Poor the glaze through your teapot. Ensure that the pouring holes are not clogged with glaze. If your glaze is too thick it will run during the firing. Repeat the method for the cups.
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!