

Meagan Pethick
General Class
Thursdays 6:30 to 9:30 pm
F13D065 Ceramics for Beginners I

Students will be introduced and reacquainted to this wonderful versatile median using hand-built and wheel thrown elements, as well as glaze application and decorating techniques. Individual development will be encouraged and emphasized in a creative supportive environment.

- Class 1 Introduction to the Ceramics Studio and Safety practices.
Group discussion about clay and forms in ceramics.
Bring a photo, image or drawing of a form for next class.
Demo: Centering clay and making a cylinder on the potters wheel
- Class 2 Group discussion about student's image, drawing or form.
Demo: Trimming work made on potters wheel.
Discussion about the three basic hand building techniques (pinch coil and slab work.
- Class 3 Demo: Working with soft slabs, hard slab, textures. Wheel demo: bowls
- Class 4 Demo: Decorating with slips and underglazes.
- Class 5 Wheel demo: lidded pots, making cups with handles.
- Class 6 Demo: mixing wheel thrown clay with hand building.
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- Class 8 Discussion about glazes and glaze application.
- Class 9 Start to finish leather hard pieces.
- Class 10 Finish leather hard pieces to be bisque and glazed.
- Class 11 Glazing and finishing off work.
- Class 12 Glazing and a review of work. End of class pizza party!

Students need to bring

Clothes you can get dirty in. Clay and communal tools are available in the ceramics studio. As you go you can decided what else you need.