

Drink Up: Mugs, Cups, and Goblets

Objectives: Students will learn slab, pinch, and coiling techniques to build handmade drinking vessels. We will discuss various handle options for mugs and how this influences functionality. Bisque molds will be utilized to construct unique forms and students will learn the benefits of making their own tools. To complete each vessel, we will consider how to divide the surface and how terra sigillata can create a beautiful matte finish that highlights texture.

-DAY 1-

- Brief Introduction
- Slab, coil, pinch → Mug
- How to change directions
- Trimming/clean up
- One part pinch handle
- Two part pinch handle
- Three part pinch handle
- Cups using bisque mold

-Considerations for bisque molds

-DAY 2-

- Goblets building from bottom up
- Goblets building from top down
- Finishing forms
- Surface finishing/design additions
- Brief intro to terra sigillata
- Final questions

Tools:

- Sketchbook & pen/pencil
- Clay— Find one that you enjoy using and that isn't too finicky. It is beneficial if the clay is extra soft in the bag, so you might rehydrate your clay if it is too tough.
- Banding Wheel - find one that spins very easily
- Potter's wheel - if you want to throw bisque molds
- ***The tools below are some of my favorites, but you might wait to see if you like how I am using them before making new purchases.***
- Kemper Scratch Wire Brush or other scoring tool
- Smooth metal rib
- Mudtools [red rib](#) shape 0
- Mudtools [Clay Shredder](#) or other surform
- Mudtools [Paisley Scraper](#) (both 18 and 24 teeth)
- [Sunshine Stick](#) and [Cheese Cutter](#) via Sunshine Cobb
- Small X-acto blade
- Sharp Knife