

Cups in Clay: A Beginner's Guide to Intimate Objects

Description: Utilizing both hand-building techniques and the throwing wheel, students will construct drinking vessels with the goal of having **20 complete cups** by the end of the 10 week session. There will be an emphasis on surface design and handle ergonomics. Instructor is there to provide individual instruction to beginners, as well as advise more advanced students; class will be broken up into demonstrations and work-time. Final class will be spent critiquing and packing up finished work.

Week 1, January 8th: Introduction

Students will be introduced to one another. Discuss cups and class/individual goals. Tour the studio and its various equipment/tools. Demonstrations on pinching, slab work, and coiling. Fees collected and clay given out. Students will make stamps to identify their cups. Remaining time students may start sketching/building. Clean up.

NO CLASS JANUARY 15th

Week 2, January 22nd: Wheel Introduction/Work

Demonstration on wheel throwing; students learn the basics of wedging, coning, centering, forming a cylinder, etc. Students practice on wheel and/or continue to work on hand-formed vessels. Clean up.

Week 3, January 29th : Work

Demonstration on texture. Students on the wheel or continue hand-building. Clean up.

Week 4, February 5th: Work

Demonstration on handles. Students are guided on the wheel or continue to hand-build. Clean up.

Week 5, February 12th: Work

Demonstration on trimming/foot treatment. Students continue to throw and/or hand-build. Clean up.

NO CLASS February 19th

Week 6, February 26th: Work

Work time. Instructor will provide individual guidance as needed. Clean up.

Week 7: Work

Work time. Instructor will provide individual guidance as needed. Clean up.

Week 8: Work/Glaze

Demonstration on glazing. Students will be shown different glazing and surface design techniques for first half hour of class; remainder of class students will glaze/decorate all bisqued work. Clean up.

Week 9: Glaze

Students glaze/decorate remainder of work. Clean up.

Week 10: Last Class – Critique

All work has been bisqued and glazed. Students gather for snacks and refreshments while we critique and comment on each others' work. Complete survey, help clean up, wrap up work in newspaper to transport home.