

# Ceramics

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The focus of this hand-building workshop is to transform 2-D slab shapes into 3-D pottery forms by utilizing handmade templates and 3-D sketching practices. We'll kick off the week by collecting and creating an arsenal of texture tools that we'll use to dress up our clay slabs. Further investigation will involve inflating or altering pieces to add volume and to tailor form. Additive details such as handles, knobs, spouts, sprigs will also be addressed. Ultimately, this workshop will give participants the confidence needed to take risks and expand ideas of both shape and form.

## **MATERIALS LIST**

- \*Basic clay tools (kemper kit or equivalent): sponge, pin tool, wooden knife, metal rib, etc.
- Slip trailing bulbs for glazing or applying slip as texture
- \*Rubber rib for smoothing and compressing. I like Mudtools red and yellow varieties, but any will do
- \*Serrated rib (paisley shaped mud tool with fine teeth is favorite)
- \*Wire brush scoring tool
- \*Scissors
- \*Pencil
- Any stamps or texture tools
- Any inspirational images for pattern, form, etc.
- \*Brushes for glazing (optional)
- \*Containers with lids to potentially bring back any additional glaze or slips
- \*Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- \*Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***All Items marked with an "\*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store***

**Clay must be purchased on campus during class from the Supply Store. No outside clay is allowed in the studios to lessen accidents in kilns. Only requested clay(s) from Instructors will be available for student purchases.**

**Students should consider bringing packaging materials (bubblewrap, newsprint, etc.) to transport pieces home.**

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

## **SUPPLIES**

- Buckets or small jars for glaze
- Scissors
- Rolling pin
- Plastic to cover work

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.

Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont  
C/O Student Name and Class Week  
556 Parkway  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

## **MATERIALS FEES: \$60.00-\$145.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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