

This is an outline for the 8 week pottery course. During this class, you will be introduced to a variety of methods of making different functional ware, as well as ways of decorating the finished piece. It covers a lot of ground so that students can work towards continuing pottery on their own, and developing their own style.

1. **Focus on centering**: Centering involves getting the piece of clay to not have any wobbily movement when going on the wheel. It is one of the hardest skills to master on the wheel and can take months to master. But, like riding on a bike, once mastered is not forgotten.
 - Students will practice centering 5 balls of clay. At least two of those will be finished into bowls.
2. **Focus on Centering and Bringing the Walls Up** The student will continue to focus on centering, and bringing up the walls.
 - The bowls made from last week will be trimmed and feet added.
 - At least 2 of the pots made will be kept
 - Intro to Sgraffito
3. **Focus of Shaping**
 - Students will trim the pots made from the previous class
 - Make pots ready for glazing
 - Make a cylinder where the walls bulge, and a bowl where the walls curve in' adding crimped edges, and finished edges
 - Intro to appliqué – adding clay to a pot as decoration
4. **Focus on lidded jars**
 - a. Intro to carving of leather hard clay
 - b. Students will trim the pots made from the previous class
 - c. Students will make a lidded jar

5. **Focus on two matching cylinders** –
 - a. Students will make two matching cylinders
 - b. Making Handles
 - c. Intro to using underglazes for design
 - d. Students will trim the pots made from the previous class
6. **Make a Plate**
 - a. Students will trim the pots made from the previous class
 - b. Students will make a plate
7. **On Your Own**
 - a. Make sure all pots are ready for glazing
 - b. Design using underglaze
8. **Final Glazing**
 - a. Layering glazes to achieve different effects
 - b. Make a glaze from scratch – discussion of heavy metals as coloring agents.

This is a basic outline of how classes will progress. Based on student's ability and interests, this may be modified, but it is my hope that all these skills will be covered.