



MADDIE DEERE CERAMICS

Beginner Wheel Class - Information Sheet

The beginner class is a 6 week introductory course, in which you will learn to prepare the clay and throw forms on the pottery wheel. You will learn to center the clay on the wheel and how to form functional pieces. Generally we start by making cups and bowls, but as you get the hang of it you can make whatever takes your fancy, and I will help to guide you. I would encourage you to jump on Pinterest and start looking at what kind of shapes you like in your favourite mugs and bowls. Previous students have made vases, planters, cups and bowls by the final session. The pieces you make can be decorated with underglaze slip or you can use the glazes that I have made up in the studio. Each piece will be dishwasher and microwave safe when it has been fired and glazed.

The course costs \$415 and runs for 6 weeks. Classes are an intimate size of 4 students. Below is an outline of the structure of the class.

Week 1	Learning to wedge the clay and begin throwing pieces on the wheel. Typically students will make 2-3 pieces in this first session.
Week 2	Trimming pieces made in week one. Once the pieces from the previous week are leather hard (about halfway dry) we will turn them upside down and trim off excess clay, and using carving tools shape the foot of the pieces. Handles or decorative additions can be added to pieces at this time.
Week 3	Throwing more pieces on the wheel, working on the skills learned in week 1. Students will usually find in this session that they have an increased level of control on the wheel.
Week 4	Trimming and decorating pieces made in week 3
Week 5	Working on any pieces still in progress. Glazing the pieces from week 2, and slip decoration pieces from week 4
Week 6	Finish glazing all pieces and complete any partially finished work from previous weeks.

Please wear clothes that can get dirty, and account for the fact that the Adelaide Hills are usually 4 degrees cooler than in Adelaide city. Fingernails should be short, and long hair tied back for best results in class. Please also be advised that my studio does not have bathroom facilities. There is a public toilet in the town of Balhannah, about 1km away from the studio.

You can book into the class at shop.maddiedeereceramics.com/collections/classes. For more information you can contact me at maddiedeereceramics@gmail.com