Manual Book (Pottery)

1. Clay-strip forming technique (Coiling)

Step 1: Roll out soft clay into long thick strips





Step 2: Make a plate as the base (you can either simply use your hand or use a machine to make the base like what slab building method does) and lay strips one on the top of another

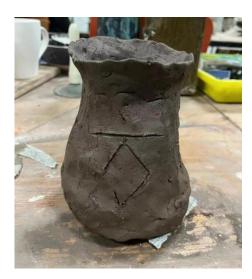








Step 3: Smooth the exterior and carve/scratch pattern





Step 4: Drying



Step 5: Engobe coating and decoration





Step 6: Ceramic glaze making

My "secret recipe":

cobalt 1g + nepheline-syenite 196g + kaolin 140g + calcium carbonate 188g +Silica 212g + barium carbonate 54g + magnesium carbonate 11g + copper carbonate 70g





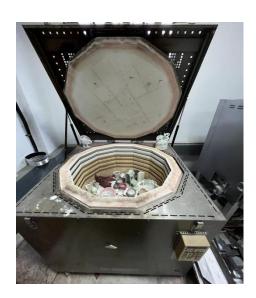
Below is what my glaze looks like





Step 7: Glazing and firing





Voila! This is my cup!



2. Wheel throwing technique

Step 1: Soften and rub the clay outward and inward to form an ox head shape before standing it up and making it a cone (Note: there will be spiral lines along the clay if the clay is correctly rubbed)





Step 2: Put the clay on the wheel (Note: the rotation direction of the wheel should be the same as that of clay's spiral), get it wet and then align the center of the clay to the center of the wheel



Step 3: Mold by throwing

(opening- lifting-shaping -collaring -leveling- folding - cutting -removal)

- You need to be extremely patient to lift the clay. I failed for at least 20 times.
- Practice practice and practice!







Step 4: Drying



Step 5: Trim and make round foot



Step 5: Glazing and firing



Voila!



