Manual Book (Pottery)

1. Clay-strip forming technique (Coiling)

Step 1: Shape soft clay into long thick strips





Step 2: Create a base by flattening the clay into a plate (you can either simply use your hand or use a machine to make the base like what slab building method does) and layer strips one on the top of another

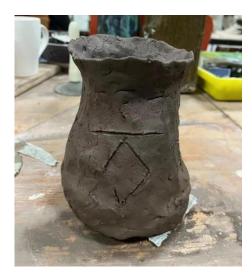








Step 3: Smooth the exterior and create a pattern by carving or scratching into it.





Step 4: Drying



Step 5: Engobe coating and decoration (Apply an engobe coating and add decorative details)





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

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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 onto the wheel (Note: the direction of the wheel's rotation should match the spiral direction of the clay), dampen it and then align its center with the wheel's center



Step 3: Mold by throwing

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

- You need to be extremely patient. (I failed in the clay lifting procedure for more than 20 times)
- Practice practice and practice!



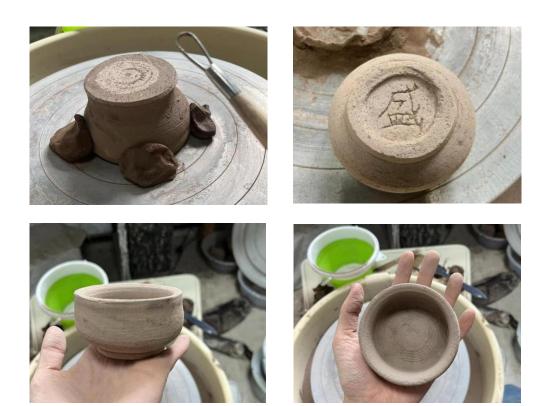




Step 4: Drying



Step 5: Trim and make round foot



Step 5: Glazing and firing





Voila!



