What raw materials are involved in the creation of your product?

I create my products from clay. Sometimes I use engobe which is liquid clay colored with pigments. I also use glaze to make the surface of my ceramics colorful and waterproof. I also need water to make it easier to shape the clay. When I sometimes need to make a plaster mold, I use gypsum, but it is not the material of the product.

What tools or techniques do you use?

My pottery wheel is the main tool I use to make almost all my products. I throw mugs, plates, dishes, etc on the wheel. Sometimes I use a wooden tool named potters rib to create special shapes, but usually, I only use my hands for this part. At the end of the process, I use a sponge to make the surface more even. When I’m done I use a wire to remove the clay from the wheel. When the products are dried I use a knife to make the edges obtuse and a wet sponge to make the surface flawless…

…Then I put them to the kiln which heats the products to 1100 degrees Celsius, which are thus transformed into ceramics. When it got cold I take them out and dip them in the glaze, then put them back to the kiln. After the second firing the products are ready.

From start-to-finish, how much time does it take to physically craft one product?

Creating one product on the wheel takes 3-5 mins. Cleaning the dried product takes 2-3 mins. Puting it in and out from the kiln takes 2-3 mins each time. (I do it twice). Dipping it into the glaze takes 1-2 mins. But these processes require some preparation, which usually takes at least as much time as the process itself. But if we don’t count the time spent for the prepaprations it takes 10-16 mins to create one product from start to finish.