

Wheel Thrown Forms with Height

Grand total project points –earn up to 122 points

1st week – 2-Pound Challenge! Get some wheel throwing practice and feedback with 2 lbs of clay. Follow the demonstration of centering, opening up with adequate width, pulling walls of piece up and towards the interior axis. Save all your pieces for progress grade and feedback. Worth up to 12 points for submitting all progress pieces at the end of the 1st week (trimming not necessary). Great youtube videos:

Simon Leach (3rd generation English-tradition potter)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU-VE1wnRGw&t=2s>

Adam Field (great instruction on hand placement)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ge7b5XKTEAg&feature=youtu.be>



2nd week – Research and Development Expectations for student sketchbooks:

1. Collect at least 10 images and ideas in your sketchbook, and sketch your own intention with the project.
2. Present your inspirations (5 pts) with your own ideas and sketches (5 pts) in Google classroom. Not accepted after week 2.

Use the class time to develop your skills on the wheel every day. Push yourself to make taller/thinner pieces and develop the forms throughout the project.



3rd week – Continue throwing and keeping your best pieces. Trim pieces as needed. Consider the elegant distinction between foot, belly, neck, and lip.

4th week – Consider decorative handles on vases, pouring spouts on pitcher forms, surface texture. Submit at least 5 finished (trimmed for weight and thickness) pieces in greenware stage for grading.

Earning the best grade possible:

Progress grade for 2 lb. challenge – due at end of 1st week – up to 12 points

Sketchbook images, sketches, planning. – during 2nd week only – up to 10 points in google classroom

Completion of project – at end of 4 weeks – earn up to 100 points

Meets Due Date – 10 points

Meets or Exceeds Assignment Objectives – 20 points

- Quantity – at least 5 thrown and trimmed (finished) forms.

Skills improvement / applying new knowledge – 20 points

- Height greater than Width $H > W$
- Variety of Forms relating to Height: drinking tumblers, vases, pitchers, jars, etc
- Skills Developed to distribute clay thickness evenly within each form

Creativity and Originality – 20 points (or more ++)

- Aesthetically pleasing forms; distinction between foot, belly, neck, and rim will earn more points than straight-walled cylinders.
- Development of curves, angles, proportions, etc.
- Additional detailing, carving, handles, surface embellishments, etc.
- You may earn more points for submitting more than 5 quality finished pieces.

Quality Craftsmanship – 20 points

- Fine details like trimming unnecessary thickness, remove clay boogers, prevent/fix cracks

Effort and use of time – 10 points

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