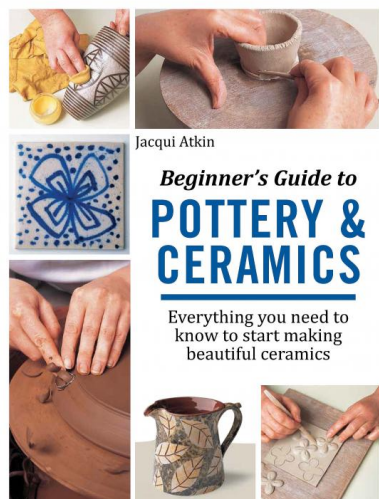


Beginner's Guide to Pottery and Ceramics

Everything you need to know to start making beautiful ceramics

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Description

Clay is an exciting material that has been used to make both practical and decorative items since prehistoric times. With this practical guidebook, readers can learn all the skills they need to start creating their own beautiful ceramics.

Step-by-step photographs and clear instructions will guide readers through the core techniques, including pinching and coiling and throwing and trimming. Inspirational projects are discovered as the reader progresses, from simple coiled vases with painted decoration to marbled clay boxes with transparent glazes. Beginners can then decorate and fire their clay pieces with myriad textures, using methods such as inlays, slips, sgraffito, feathering, burnishing and resist.

Following the impressive projects inside, new-found skills can be put into practice and readers will develop their creativity.

Key Selling Points

- Learn about types of clay and basic forming methods, and gain confidence in throwing and turning clay
- Discover projects as your skills progress, from simple coiled vases with painted decoration to marbled clay boxes with transparent glazes
- Follow easy instructions to decorate and add texture to your vessels with inlays, slips, sgraffito, burnishing and more

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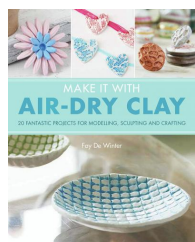
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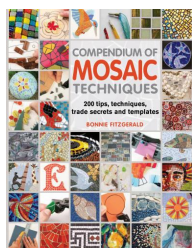
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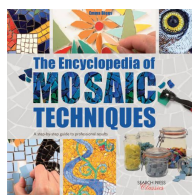
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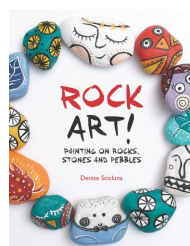
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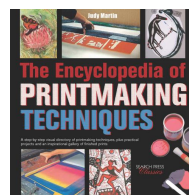
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