

Potter Badge for Brownies



Step One - Find Pottery

Look in books, magazines or online for clay things.

Step Two - Get to Know Clay

Find videos on YouTube on the process of clay making. Learn more about scoring, storing, wedging and firing. Take a virtual tour of a clay studio and see what a kiln is.

Step Three - Make a Simple Pot

Make a Pinch pot

1. Use your thumbs to make a dent in a ball of clay.
2. Pinch around the dent to make the sides of the pot. Try to keep the thickness around your pot.

Make a Slab Pot

1. Roll out a ball of clay to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thickness. Cut out a circle to be your base. Cut out a rectangle slab (this will be your wall).
2. Score around the edges of your base.
3. Score one end of your slab. Wet the scored area.
4. Roll the slab into a tube and press it to itself to make the wall of your pot. Score the bottom edge. Wet the scored edges of the wall and base. Now stick the wall, scored-side down, onto the base.

Make a Coil Pot

1. Roll out a ball of clay to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness. Cut a circular base with a cookie cutter or a cup.
2. Roll lumps of clay into snakes to make the coils for your pot.
3. Score the lines across your snakes and around the edge of your base. You can use a pen or a toothpick, moisten clay with water where it will be joined.
4. Press the first coil to the base, score sides together.
5. Repeat the steps until desired height.

Step Four - Make an Art Piece

1. Decorate a tile.
2. Make a slab or a pinch sculpture.
3. Make beads for jewelry.

Step Five - Paint and Glaze

1. Paint on glaze.
2. Sponge paint your pottery.