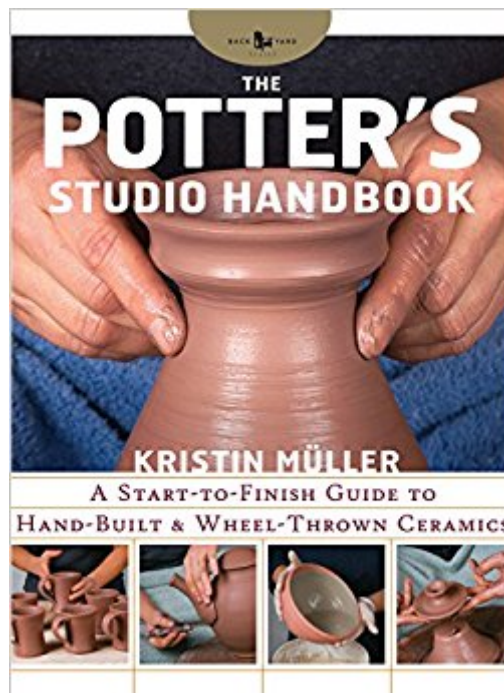




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The Potter's Studio Handbook: A Start-to-finish Guide To Hand-built And Wheel-thrown Ceramics



Synopsis

Pottery making and wheel throwing is a timeless craft, perfect for beginner crafters and artisans who don't mind getting their hands dirty. Even if you haven't touched clay since your childhood art class, let *The Potter's Studio Handbook* guide you through the process of designing and equipping your own ceramic studio, teaching you techniques that will have you generating clay projects in no time. Once the techniques are mastered, this guide will remain an invaluable resource to all clay artists, one that will stay in the studio for years to come. A veteran instructor teaches hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques using full-color photographs, and diagrams with a reassuring voice. Each step is illustrated for creating beautiful, functional projects at home; such as teapots, vases, dinner plates, and more. Shares pottery tips that help you select and prepare clay, construct slab projects, throw and center clay on the wheel, experiment with glazes, fire your project to perfection, and much more. This is the perfect guide for all levels to enjoy and master the art of pottery.

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I'm getting a lot out of this book, especially the parts on hand building. The section about coil building is excellent tho slightly different from traditional instructions as it has it's roots in Korean and Japanese large-scale pottery making (sp. Onggi.) I don't see this book so much as a project book (tho there are a few) as a textbook for beginner students in either an academic or clay center setting. Given that one only sees a teacher once or twice a week and there is plenty of competition for their time and attention, this book fills the gap for students looking for answers to basic questions that might come up while working out their pot making techniques. I bought a couple of other books at the same time ("Throwing" and "Hands in Clay") which are both very good but I seem to open this one more often at this stage of my learning (about 3 months into studying pottery again after 35 years of painting.) I have the Kindle version for my Fire and it is very well done, easy to read with

nice color.

Great for beginners

This book is mainly about the "big picture" of ceramics, the basics, and how to set up your own studio. If you read it from cover to cover, you'll get a very good idea of what it takes (a lot!) to have your home ceramic studio up and running. There are also very good chapters on glaze and clay basics, and lots of practical advice and tips. It covers all areas of ceramics at least moderately well, sometimes very well. But in the "how-to" projects section, there are some problems, and there are other books out there, specific to hand-building, wheel-throwing, and surface design, that are much better in terms of projects for learning. Of course, nothing beats actual classroom time! That being said, the book accomplishes its purpose of giving the reader a comprehensive overview. Very well done.

Great book for a beginner or novice!

This book has several pictures to aid the beginning potter through creating the forms presented. The author describes important technical steps to help you achieve correct wall thickness, etc. lots and lots of good size pictures for you to follow. Nice addition to your collection to see how others work with clay.

This book is a joy to read. I'm just beginning in the craft but can tell that the guidance here is spot on and inspirational. The instructions are clear and very well illustrated. I highly recommend it.

Great book. Great photos. Good over all knowledge.

Lots of good information

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