



## 4-Week Pottery Wheel Course for Beginners

This four week throwing course is aimed at anyone who is either a complete beginner or has already completed a pottery wheel throwing experience session. The course will offer an opportunity to practice and further your pottery throwing skills.

**Price** - £287 per person

**Age** - 18 +

**Accessibility** - If you would love to join this course but have any health restrictions you feel might affect your ability to participate, please email or pop by the shop to discuss how we may be able to accommodate your needs

**Prep and Throwing (Weeks 1 – 2) ...** During these sessions you will be given demonstrations and taught how to properly wedge and prepare your clay before throwing; how to centre your clay on the wheel; and how to pull the clay up and shape it. These classes are designed to be relaxed and comfortable where everyone works at their own pace, learning and developing the skills involved in throwing pottery.

**Trimming and Finishing (Week 3) ...** In this session you will be taught how to trim your pots. This is where you remove any excess clay from the form, giving them a nice tidy base; maybe create a foot ring, neaten up the sides and add any handles or additional decoration. At the end of this session you will choose up to five items you wish for The Potter's Wheel to bisque fire ready for your glazing session; the rest head into the reclaim bucket!

**Glazing session (Week 4) ...** You will be taught several techniques of glazing as well as learning how to reduce the chances of glaze disasters. We will also cover a little bit of health and safety if the wares you've created are to be used in contact with food and drink.

Once the glaze is dry your pots are ready for their final firing to around 1250°C. When the kiln has cooled down and your work is ready for collection, which maybe several weeks later, The Potter's Wheel will let you know and you can pop by and pick it up.



## Facilities on site and what's provided -

- Aprons
- Eye protection
- Tea, coffee and fruit squash is available for you to make
- Accessible toilet

## Parking -

The closest car park is Goldsmiths Lane carpark offering 2 hours free parking as well as a number of disabled spaces. It is about a 3 minute walk to The Potter's Wheel from there.

For information regarding The Potter's Wheels' cancellation policy as well as important health and safety please refer to the Terms and Conditions