



## 6 Week Pottery Wheel Course for Improvers

This six week throwing course is aimed at anyone who has already completed a pottery wheel throwing experience session or has had a limited experience on a wheel and wishes to practice and further your pottery throwing skills.

**Items fired - 5** (with the option for more at an additional cost)

**Age - 18 +**

**Accessibility** - If you would love to join this course but have any health restrictions you feel might affect your abilities to participate, please email or pop by the shop to discuss how we can try and accommodate.

(A very loose curriculum as pottery very much has a time scale of its own, as you'll find out)

**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.

**Turning, Carving, Finishing (Week 3) ...** In this session you will be taught how to 'turn' your pots. This is where you trim any excess clay from the form, giving them a nice tidy base; maybe create a foot ring, carve in any designs, or add any handles, lids or additional decoration such as sgraffito.

**Self-Led with tuition on hand (Week 4-5) ...** During these weeks while finishing off some of your previously made pots you will get a chance to have a go at making what you would like with tuition on hand, experimenting more with shape and attachments. At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> session, you will choose the items you wish for The Potter's Wheel to bisque fire ready for your glazing session ( 5 items are included in the price, but on this course you have the option to pay for additional items to be fired as well); the rest head into the reclaim bucket!

**Glazing session (Week 6) ...** You will be shown several techniques of glazing as well as be taught 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 up 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**