

Country Home Learning & Art Center



“IT’S TIME TO PLAY IN THE MUD!”

CLAY CLASSES

Country Home Learning & Art Center offers a variety of clay classes that are sure to keep you muddy! Our clay classes cater to the most experienced potter to the never before touched clay student. Our classes are designed for all skill levels

Country Home Learning & Art Center offers selection and variety with lots of classes to choose from! Explore wheel throwing on our electric wheels! Hand build & sculpt amazing pieces of pottery and art and most of all.... RELAX AND HAVE FUN!

CLAY CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty.
2. Tie long hair back.
3. **WARNING!** Mud will get under those fingernails! Trim nails if working on the pottery wheel for **BEST** results. Be sure to thoroughly wash your hands and under your finger nails after working with clay so you do not get mud on anything you want to keep clean.
4. Pottery is a **PROCESS!** Patience and Perseverance are needed and helpful in making your clay experience fun and exciting!
5. **WE SUPPLY ALL TOOLS!** However, you may also bring your own clay tools to the studio.
6. When in the clay studio, all rules and regulations must be followed to eliminate studio termination.
7. All Kiln firing will be operated by Country Home Learning & Art Center **ONLY**.
8. All **OPEN STUDIO** students must be approved by Country Home Learning & Art Center
9. We require 24 hour notice if you cannot make it to your scheduled class! We try to be flexible. If you miss a class, you may reschedule the class for another day, space permitting. **NO SHOWS WILL NOT BE REFUNDED & CLASS WILL NOT BE MADE UP.**

CLAY 101 Lessons



Country Clay Studio's 101 classes are excellent basic intro & refresher classes for student potters with little or no experience or for those more experienced potters who just need a little refresher course. In these clay classes you will experience & learn basic skills and a variety of techniques to help you master the art of clay and pottery making. You can pick and choose 1 or all of our 101 classes such as coiling, wheel throwing, hand building, tools, slab working, pinch pots, glazing, and decorating!

Coiling 101:



If you've ever rolled a snake out of play dough or a long rope then you're on your way learning the process of coiling! Students will learn all about and create their very own clay coiled bowl & cup creations using this ancient technique. This hand building technique is fun for the youngest of potters and can be challenging for even the most experienced potter! Coil your way with clay!

Wheel Throwing 101:



Experience Variety! Students will learn basic wheel throwing skills such as wedging, sealing, centering, pulling, shaping, trimming, & finishing as well as glazing their pottery piece. Students will absolutely love working on the wheel and learning about the many techniques that are involved. We will make variations of the basic cylinder, such as mugs, vases, & bowls! Join us and get your hands in the mud!

Hand Building / Sculpting 101:



For this lesson think: GIANT PLAYDOUGH FACTORY! Hand building is an excellent clay class for the youngest of student to the most advanced potter. We will explore a variety of fun constructing methods and techniques and work with lots of different tools! Students will also learn how to glaze their pottery. Let your creativity soar in this fun filled lesson!

Tools & Techniques 101:



The sky is the limit when it comes to getting creative with pottery tools! Join us as we explore and experiment with a variety of basic tools. We will learn the names and functions of these tools as we build, construct and design our unique piece of pottery!

Slab Working 101:



Slab pottery is the fun technique of making clay creations out of sheets of clay that are rolled out like pastry dough. Join us as we learn all about slab working in this intro clay class as we roll out some amazing ideas for creative slab pots! We will use rolling pins along with a variety of decorative tools to embellish our assembled pots. Students will learn how to glaze their finished pots and will be amazed with the final results!

Pinch Pots 101:



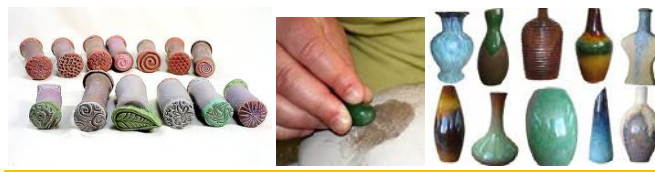
“Pinch a piece of potters clay!” say that 10x fast! This class is just that. Students will enjoy learning this fun hand building technique. The art of pinching a pot is simply making a pot entirely from a single piece of clay & hollowing it out with your hands as you pinch and manipulate the clay. These pots are primitive in a sense and yet very fun and relaxing to create. Learn pinch potting techniques and create sculptural & functional pinch pots with us!

Glazing 101:



Learn the basics of glazing techniques and usages in this colorful intro class. Students will choose a bisque piece of pottery and practice surface decorating techniques using a variety of glazes. Students will then brush, sponge, eye drop, & spatter their way to an amazing finished piece of art!

Decorating 101:



The sky is the limit when it comes to decorating a piece of pottery, there are endless techniques! Learn all about slip trailing, paper resist, stamping, designing with textures, and much, much more! Come and explore your creative side and maybe even invent your own personal decorative technique!

(I/A) Clay Classes: Intermediate & Advanced



The sky is the limit with these **intermediate & advanced** clay classes! I/A Classes are simply **Free Style classes**, you can create whatever it is that you want out of clay within the class that you choose! These classes are more advanced and include VERY LITTLE instruction. I/A Students are experienced Country Home Learning & Art Center Students, Clay hobbyists, or Professional Potters age's 16-adult who have taken several clay classes already and knows the system. I/ A Classes must be scheduled like a regular lesson. they are not open studio classes!



(I/A) ONLY Coiling



(I/A) ONLY Wheel Throwing



(I/A) ONLY Hand Building / Sculpting



(I/A) ONLY Slab Working



(I/A) ONLY Pinch Pots

“THE CODA & OLIVER CLASS COLLECTION”:



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Pet Bowls / any domesticated pet



Pet Name Signs: Decorative Free Form / any domesticated pet



Pet Leash Plaque with Clay Hooks/ any domesticated pet



Pet Picture Frame/ any domesticated pet

Creative Clay Lessons

FUN! FUN! FUN!



Our Creative Clay Classes provide student potters with endless creative possibilities that will stimulate ones creative mind and let the imagination soar! THINK GIANT PLAYDOUGH FACTORY! Students will use so many fun tools to get creative with!



Crazy Coiling (Bowls, Cups, & Vases)

Learn all about coiling as you roll coils of clay into creative bowls, cups and vases then decorate them for all to admire!



Imaginative Sculptures

Create a sculpture all your own out of clay using nothing but your imagination. Sculptures will be mounted to a wooden stand for a unique display!



Colorful Clay Beads (Necklaces, Bracelets & Charms)

Join us in our jewelry factory as boys and girls learn how to create awesome charms, necklaces & bracelets out of clay. Students can then decorate them to wear!



Whimsical Wind Chimes

Students learn how to roll large slabs of clay to create a whimsical wind chime. They will then decorate it using a variety of fun tools and stamps!



Clay Bugs

Get “Buggy” with us as we explore the world of insects in this fun filled lesson. Students create their very own favorite bug sculptures!



Clay Dinosaur Sculptures

A prehistoric clay lesson on dinosaurs! We go back in time as our students explore dinosaurs and create their very own unique dinosaur!



Rain Sticks

It's Raining, It's Pouring... but you WON'T be snoring in this clay class... Students learn how to create their very own rain sticks! They will sound just like real rain falling from the sky when we are finished!



Pretty Pinch Pots

Pinch your way in clay! Students will learn how to pinch clay with their fingers and how they can use this technique to create some amazing little pots!



Mold a Mammal

Explore many wonderful mammals in this fun filled clay lesson. Students will choose a favorite animal to learn all about, observe, and then mold their very favorite mammal into a sculpture using many fun tools!



Fairy & Critter House Sculptures

Join us as we create some amazing little homes out of clay for our little fairies or bugs that we make! We will decorate them with color!



Slab Jewelry & Treasure Boxes

Children learn how to roll out slabs of clay with a variety of fun tools! Students will then learn how to connect the slabs and decorate them to create some amazing jewelry or treasure boxes!



Clay Stamping

Join us as we stamp our way in clay! Students will have the opportunity to learn all about stamping clay with a variety of cool stamps! They will love this technique as they create their very own stamped creations!



Bird Houses

Is lesson IS for the birds! Join us as we create some unique clay bird houses that can be kept outdoors for your little feathered friends!



Dangerous Dragons

Join us as we explore the mystical world of DRAGONS! Students will create their very own dragon sculptures out of clay and will use a variety of fun tools to sculpt and decorate them! These dragons will then fly into some colorful glaze and look amazing!



Fluttering Butterfly Wind Chimes

Flutter into this clay lesson and learn all about a variety of butterflies! Explore butterflies and observe them up close! Students will create a variety of butterflies out of clay and add beautiful color to them with glaze. We will then attach them to string and a mount to be hung up. These butterflies will flutter their way through the air!



Textures with Found Objects

Explore a variety of FUN & UNIQUE CLAY TOOLS in this clay lesson on textures! Students will learn that they can create some amazing patterns and designs on clay using so many different things! Students will create a unique plate, tile or bowl.



Colorful Caterpillars

Create some colorful caterpillars with clay in this lesson on the butterfly life cycle! Students will decorate their caterpillar sculptures and paint them with colorful glazes!



Whimsical Fish!

Swim away with us as we create some FUN FISH sculptures! We will go under the ocean in our clay studio to explore a variety of different fish. Students will pick a favorite to re create and sculpt out of clay. Use fun tools & colorful glazes to decorate them!



Celestial Tiles

This lesson is out of this world! Join us as we explore outer space and create some amazing tiles out of clay. Students will draw & decorate a celestial scene on the clay tiles using their choice of tools and glazes. Experiment with fun glazing pencils!



Mud Masks

Not a spa day... but this lesson will rejuvenate you! Join us as we study & create some amazing masks out of clay! Students will learn how to create textures, designs & patterns using a variety of clay tools. We will have a blast putting these unique masks together and adding colorful glazes to them!



Clay Ornaments

This lesson is all up to the imagination! Let your creativity take flight as we make unique ornaments out of clay! Students will observe example of ornaments and create their very own designs using a selection of techniques, tools and pictures!



Dinosaur Fossils (Bone Impressions) / Photo Frame

Fossils were made when dinosaurs, plants, shells and even insects were covered in mud. They slowly decayed leaving just an impression. Join us as students make their very own unique fossils to then add colorful glazes for a wonderful prehistoric display! Children may also choose an actual item to create, such as a photo frame, using fossil impressions!



Cookie Cutter Clay Designs

Join us as we cook up some amazing designs in clay by only using cookie cutters! Students will create a unique cookie plate using cookie cutters and colorful glazes!



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Bowls with Lids

Learn the basics of how to create some unique bowls with their very own lids! These bowls will be created using a variety of techniques. Students will then decorate them as they choose and create designs on them using a variety of tools & colorful glazes!



Mini Tile Puzzle

Join us as we create our very own mini tile puzzle! Students will learn how to roll out a slab of clay and how to create a clay tile. We will then make a design on the clay and decorate them into puzzle pieces to be put together time and time again!



Drape Molds

Learn all about DRAPE MOLDS in this fun filled clay lesson! Students will use a variety of bowls, plates, and other objects to act as a mold. We will then lay a rolled slab of clay over these molds to form the given shape. Student will create designs and patterns to decorate their creations then paint them with colorful glazes!



FREE FORMS

Students will love having the freedom in this lesson to GO CRAZY WITH CLAY! This is a FREE-STYLE lesson that is entirely up to the child's imagination! Helpful instruction will be given when needed. The child may create absolutely anything he or she wants! LOTS OF TOOLS will be available to use and colorful glazes and pencils to add decorative color will be available to the student. A one of a kind creation that will have a unique personal touch! FUN! FUN! FUN!



Clay Owl Luminaries

Join us for some CLAYTIME fun.....sculpting some really cool clay owls! This class is a real hoot...Children will create 2 jumbo pinch pots & use some pretty cool clay tools & glaze colors to create their very own OWL LUMINARY.. These look AMAZING in the dark with a tea light in them!

CLAY HISTORY LESSONS



Pottery is clay that has been modeled, dried, & fired, usually with a glaze or finish, into a vessel or a decorative work of art. Clay is a natural product dug from the earth which has been decomposed from the rock within the earth's crust for millions of years. Within those millions of years, potters have been forming vessels from the clay bodies and continue to do so till this

very day. Go back in time with us as we explore the history of pottery with Country Clay Studio's Clay History Classes!

History of Pottery: Pinch Pots



A pinch pot is an ancient as well as a contemporary form of pottery. The method of pinching a pot has been widely employed across cultures and times. Did you know that using the pinching method is probably the very 1st way people began to form clay? It has an enormously long history behind it, going back at least 12,000 years! Join us as we explore pinch pots & create our very own ancient forms of pottery!

History of Pottery: Coil Building



One of the earliest kinds of pottery was a coil pot made by coiling long ropes from clay in a spiral. The coils were then pinched together carefully to hold water & store food. Join us as we explore hands-on- building & construction of our very own ancient coiled pieces of art!

History of Pottery: Manipulative & Surface Decoration



There are a million and 1 ways to decorate a piece of pottery. In this history class students will learn surface decorating techniques such as incising, carving, fluting, & faceting. Ancient potters had to use objects they could find in their natural environment to act as tools to manipulate their piece of clay & decorate the clay surface. Join us as we go back in time to explore & use some of the earliest manipulative & surface decorating tools & techniques invented by ancient potters.

Aboriginal Cave Art Revisited



An excellent lesson in creating Prehistoric art! Students will love creating their very own cave art, only this time with clay! We will use templates on clay slabs along with using a variety of fun tools to design some amazing aboriginal designs. Students will learn all about the Aborigines and have a hands-on experience reviewing pictures and techniques. Beautiful glazes will be painted to replicate ancient aboriginal art!

Autobiographical Amulet Necklaces & Charms



Ancient men and women not only made pottery for practical uses such as water and food storage, they also used clay for esthetic, spiritual, magical, & mystical purposes. Students will explore the spiritual & mystical uses to which clay has been put to use over time. Join us as we explore past peoples attributes to symbolic items such as charms, talismans, and amulets. Students will absolutely love creating their very own personalized amulet necklaces and charms out of clay and beads!

Mississippian Inspired Coil Pots



Join us as we uncover a past civilization! The Mississippian Mound builders were an ancient North American civilization whose beautiful pottery attributes to the art culture of North America. Students will learn all about the Mississippians and will have a hands-on discussion as we observe pictures of Mississippian pottery. We will learn unique styles of pottery making while we coil our way, Mississippian style, to some beautiful pots!

Mimbres: Inspired Coil Bowls



Join us as we uncover yet another past civilization similar to the Mississippians, the Mongolian Mimbres! Students will discover this unique ancient civilization and uncover why they, along with the Mississippians, mysteriously diminished & disappeared...or did they? We will study pictures hands-on of their ancient pottery that was made with a high level of technical skill and beauty. This lesson is based on the amazingly beautiful bowls that were created by the Mimbres. Students will create their own coiled bowls and decorate them Mimbres style!

The Minoan Civilization: Elegant Slip Decorated Pots



The pottery of the Minoan Civilization gives us clues to a flourishing, upbeat & enthusiastic civilization. Join us as we learn all about the Minoan art and their artifacts! Learn all about the ceramic ware they created with a dazzling variety of technique, form, and pattern. We will learn how to make slip and how to apply it to clay pots. Students will love creating their own unique replicas of Minoan pottery using decorative slip to make designs on the clay!

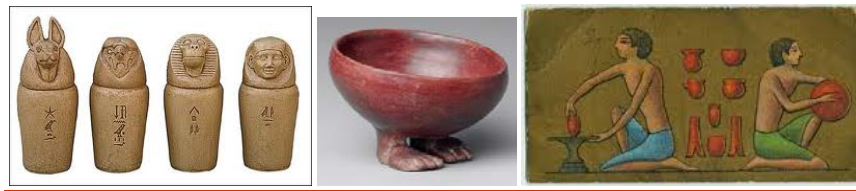
Black-on Black Mexican Pottery:



Discover the famous black pottery of Mexico in this fun clay history lesson! Learn all about the black-on-black pottery, how it was developed, who discovered it, how to create it and more!

We will have a hands-on discussion as we explore pictures of this beautiful black pottery. Students will then enjoy watching a short movie on a native American potter, Maria Martinez, who will explore black pottery with us and show us how she makes it! Lastly, we will get to work creating some of our very own unique black-on-black Mexican pottery!

Ancient Egyptian Pottery



Did you know that Ancient Egyptians made pottery before the building of the pyramids! Many pieces of evidence include pictures, hieroglyphics of pottery, vessels, and small pieces of pottery that have been found in ancient Egyptian tombs, contemporary with and after the building of the Great Pyramid (about 2350 B.C). Join us as we discover the beautiful, bold, and breathtaking pottery created by ancient Egyptian potters. Students will learn and have a hands-on discussion observing pictures of Egyptian pottery. Student potters will then create some of their very own ancient Egyptian pottery from scarab trinkets and jewelry to unique pieces decorated with boats, fish, hieroglyphics and geometrical designs, this class is truly an ancient experience that would make King-Tut himself, jealous!

