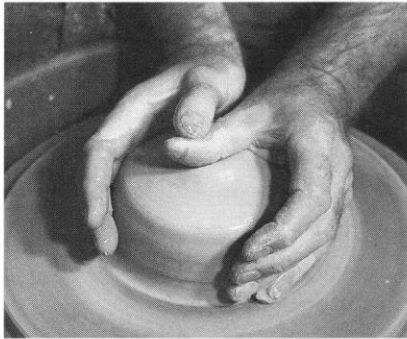
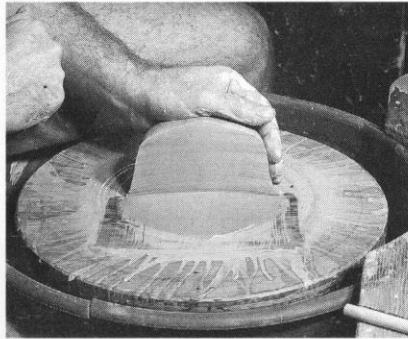


Centering the Clay

Figure 3.3 CENTERING



a. Centering and wheel wedging: Initially center the clay with firm side pressure.



b. Profile of properly centered lump.



c. Continue the side pressure while hinging hands together, causing clay to rise.



d. Cross section showing intermediate stage of wheel-wedging.



e. Raise the lump to a rounded peak.



f. Cross section showing maximum rise, with heel of thumb poised to press clay back down.



g. With continuing side pressure to prevent mushrooming, press clay back down.



h. Continue pressing downwards as lump widens.



i. Finalize centered form after repeated wheel-wedging.