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Handbuilding: Tricks of the Trade – Five-Day Workshop Supply List for Participants

Clay will be available for purchase on-site. Joining slurry, vinegar, and posterboard (for templates) will be provided. The following is a lengthy list of supplies for a workshop, but these are the things you will need in order to continue doing this work on your own, and we will be able to make better use of the available time and onsite facilities if you bring all of these supplies. The Kemper tools are available online or at almost any art supply store. The Stanley Surform tools are available at Amazon - enter "Stanley Surform" in the search box.

- Six 36" by 24" (or whatever width fits the slab roller) sheets of unprimed 10 oz. canvas duck. "10-ounce" is a trade reference to the weight per yard for canvas sold in art supply stores. If you buy canvas from a fabric, sail or house painting supplier they might not that reference, but just get sturdy uncoated canvas while avoiding stuff that is excessively heavy – it should still be very flexible.
- Standard clay tools (the packaged Kemper kit contains a wood rib, stainless-steel scraper-rib, wood knife, needle tool, cutoff wire, small sponge, and trimming tools).
- Kemper S-10 flexible stainless steel serrated rib - no substitutes.
- Kemper RB-4 wood rib - no substitutes.
- Metal fork
- X-Acto knife - pencil-thin model with 1" tapered blade. For a superior knife, get one with the adjustment knob at the opposite end from the blade, such as the X-Acto "Gripster."
- Scissors
- 18" ruler
- Pencil
- Compass for drawing circles.
- Wood rolling pin with bearing-mounted handles (not one-piece rolling pin). If you are serious about handbuilding, click [here](#), or go to Amazon.com and enter "Medium Commercial Rolling Pin by Thorpe" in the search box. It costs \$60 but is so worth it.
- Wood dowels - one 48" length each of 3/16", 1/4", 5/16", 3/8", 7/16", 1/2", 5/8" and 3/4" - available from any home improvement center - cut them all in half and bring both halves.
- Stanley Surform Shaver (short curved blade) and Stanley Surform Pocket Plane (5" flat blade). Get both types - these are made to be woodworking tools, but are excellent for shaving clay. Available from any home improvement center or from amazon.
- Small, sturdy banding wheel. The 8" CSI turntable available from most ceramics suppliers for around \$13 is fine for our needs, but any sort of good-quality banding wheel will work. No cheap spice-cabinet turntables!
- Spray bottle for vinegar water
- 6 manila folders

- A selection of bisque stamps and/or other textured objects or materials to impress texture into clay.
- 6 dry-cleaner bags or large plastic garbage bags to cover your work.
- Small towel or other sturdy rag
- Apron (optional)
- If you are driving, bring a large snap-lid plastic storage bin approximately 12x24x12" deep, to serve as a personal damp box. Bring your supplies in a separate box or bin so you'll have this one to use without dumping your supplies on the floor.