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Advanced Slab Construction – Five-Day Workshop

Supplies for Participants to Bring

The following is a lengthy list of supplies for a workshop, but these are things you will need in order to continue doing this work in your own studio, and we will be able to make better use of the available time if everyone brings all of these supplies. Note: The Kemper tools are available from any good ceramics supplier like Laguna, Baily, Axner, etc. The Stanley Surform tools are found at www.amazon.com - search "Stanley Surform."

- Four square yards of 10 oz. canvas duck, cut into 24" by 36" pieces (or whatever size is appropriate for the studio slab roller).
- 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)
- One Kemper RB-4 or RB-5 wood rib (no substitutes)
- Kemper S-10 flexible stainless steel serrated rib (no substitutes)
- Metal fork
- X-acto knife - pencil-thin model with 1" tapered blade – no substitutions!
- 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 this, go online and get a 15" rolling pin (that's the length of the barrel) with bearing-mounted handles.
- Wood dowels - one length each of 3/16", 1/4", 5/16", 3/8", 1/2", 5/8" and 3/4" - available from any hardware store or 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 at amazon or from any hardware store or home improvement center.
- Small, sturdy banding wheel. The 8" CSI turntable available from most ceramics suppliers for around \$15 is fine for our needs. The "SCS03" plastic banding wheel from Clay King is good. ***No light-duty plastic lazy-susan turntables.*** If you want a superior banding wheel that will last forever and are willing to spend the money, get a 9" Shimpo cast iron ball-bearing banding wheel.
- Spray bottle for vinegar water
- 6 manila folders

- A selection of bisque stamps and/or other objects or materials with raised pattern or texture to impress into the clay. The instructor will bring a selection of MKM stamps and rollers you can use.
- 6 dry-cleaner bags or large plastic garbage bags to cover your work
- Small towel or other sturdy rag
- Small snap-lid container for slurry
- Apron (optional)
- If you are driving, bring a large low plastic storage bin with lid, approximately 18" by 24" by 12"-deep (or several smaller ones), to serve as a personal damp box. Transport your supplies in a separate box so you don't have to dump them out on the floor to use this bin. If you bring this lidded storage bin, you'll be very glad you did.