

ARTS AT THE CENTER

Pottery on the Wheel with Ben Betourne Presented by Sonoma Ceramics, Sonoma Community Center

Instructor: Benjamin Betourne

In this virtual class, Ben will help you develop and improve your throwing skills while exploring a range of forms through multiple class projects in this all-level throwing class. The instructor guides you through the basic steps of throwing, shaping, and trimming of pottery on the wheel. This class is a great opportunity for students to hone basic techniques of throwing on the wheel and expand skills in all aspects of pottery. Surface decoration techniques will be explored.

Ben will demonstrate for approximately 1/2 hour at the beginning of class, after which he will help students one-on-one and do additional demos as needed.

Week 1: Wedging and why it is so important. Beginning to throw on a wheel.

Week 2: A breakdown of the steps to throw. Throwing a cylinder and a bowl.

Week 3: Trimming a bowl and a cylinder. Making handles and finishing a mug.

Week 4: Breaking down the goals of trimming and applying surface decoration.

Week 5: Approaching larger forms. Throwing compound forms.

Week 7: Completing a compound form.

Week 8: Glazing techniques, applying glaze to all the work demoed in class.

Tool List:

- basic potter's throwing tools (available to purchase through Sonoma Community Center)
<https://www.amazon.com/Kemper-Pottery-Tool-Kit-Original/dp/B003ZZWGCM>

Ben's website: <https://betourneceramics.com/>

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