

Ceramic Design

CENLSR43B

Start Date: 14 January 2021

End Date: 22 April 2021

Start/finish Time 7:00PM to 9:30PM

Lessons: 10

Venue: South Reading Centre

330 Northumberland Avenue

Reading

Berks

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Course description - What is the course about?

We will be using the principles and elements of design alongside different making and decorating techniques to expand and hone skills and knowledge of ceramics. For example when looking at the design principle of movement, we will look at using armatures to support building animal and human figures to convey movement.

We will look at different areas for approximately half a term, depending upon the depth to which learners wish to work: movement, colour, form & space, pattern and texture. Techniques we may cover include armature use, vitreous slips and oxides, templates, making sprigs, stamps and 'rollers', throwing large volumes of clays, altering thrown pieces.

Other areas of study may be added depending upon learners' preferences and prior experience.

What can you expect to achieve by the end of the course?

To be able to use some of the principles and elements of design to further individual practice of pottery and ceramics, together with more advance application of making and decorative techniques. All of this will assist the individual learner in developing their own style.

What level is this course?

Improvers onwards. Not suitable for beginners

Is this course externally accredited?

N/A

Previous knowledge/experience required?

Yes - at least 2 terms attending a ceramics course

Will I be expected to do homework?

You will be expected to do some research for your project

How will I be taught? How will learning be assessed?

Self-assessment; individual feedback from tutor; peer to peer feedback

What will I need to bring to each lesson?

Sketchbook and open mind. If you are required to bring anything else you will be informed on a weekly basis

Will I need to purchase materials?

No

Are there any additional costs after enrolment?

Clay and firing are included in the course fee. Clay in excess of 5kg will be charged.

Can I join the course later in the term?

Yes, if you have prior experience in ceramics and if places are available

What progression opportunities are available after?

Other specialist ceramics courses are on offer, e.g. Sculpture, Throwing. You can view all of our courses at www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk