

# Clay Techniques



**Handbuilding:** A general term that means the process of making ceramic sculptures by hand, rather than on a potter's wheel. Usually refers to pinch, coil, and slab building methods.



**Pinch or pinching:** The handbuilding method of squeezing clay between your thumb and fingers to create a form.



**Coil:** A long roll of clay. It should look like a snake.

**Coiling:** A handbuilding method that uses many coils to build walls, handles, etc. The coils are smoothed together to form a sturdy structure.



**Slab:** A handbuilding method that uses flat, even pieces of clay that are formed with a rolling pin or slab roller.