

Clay Terms



Scoring: A method fondly referred to as “scratch-and-attach” is done by attaching two pieces of clay by scratching the areas where they attach, applying slip or water then smoothing and sealing the edges.



Slip: A mixture of clay and water. It is used like glue as part of the scoring process. Can also be used for decorating.

Drying: The natural removal of moisture from a project by the air. If you don't dry your project long enough before firing, it may crack or explode in the kiln.



Greenware: Any unfired project that is leather hard or bone dry.

Bisque-firing: The first firing in a kiln. This is how bisqueware is made. You must follow the instructions for firing on the clay packaging, temps depend on clay type.

Bisqueware: fired in the kiln one time, ready for glaze.