

Pottery: Throwing For Beginners Level 1C

This is a Pottery Specialism course level 1C, upon completing this course, learners can progress onto Level 2A but cannot redo this course at the same level or lower level. Learners can book onto any other Art specialism or Creative & Culture courses from 1A upwards.

This beginner-friendly course is designed for those completely new to throwing as well as those looking to refresh their skills, focusing on building confidence and understanding of fundamental techniques. Participants will start with cylinder shapes, learning centring, opening, and pulling techniques, and gradually progress to more complex forms while being encouraged to explore creativity through various throwing techniques, including trimming and turning. By the end of the course, you can expect to enhance your throwing skills and work on personal projects.

Start Date:	23 April 2026
Start Time:	10:00
Lessons:	10
Weeks:	10
Hours:	25.00

If you are looking for a course to improve or maintain your mental health and wellbeing, why not book onto one of our courses from the Managing mental health and well-being offer?

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

Learners will:

1. Throw at least 2 different shapes with minimal tutor input.
2. Demonstrate at least 2 finishing techniques such as turning and trimming with tutor reminder.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of clay recycling practices following Medway council climate change policies.

Is this course suitable for me?

This is a Pottery Specialism course level 1C for beginners or those who have completed a level 1A or 1B throwing course. Upon completing this course, learners can progress onto Level 2A but cannot redo this course at the same level or lower level. Learners can book onto any other Art specialism or Creative & Culture courses from 1A upwards.

Is there anything I need to know about the course?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability as well as course paperwork and target setting.

You will need to prepare the following tools and equipment before the start of the course. Please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

- An apron/protective clothing
- Sturdy footwear (no open toed shoes in the pottery)
- It is recommended that you do not wear anything you value highly. You may wish to bring household gloves to use when glazing.
- A pen / pencil - a sketchbook will be provided.

Learners with previous experience should bring in an example of their own work / or photo of work to help in the initial assessment process.

Your tutor will speak to you about tools in the first class and advise what you will need.

- A basic pottery tool kit (can be purchased online fairly cheaply)
- A steel kidney scraper (an old store card cut to shape can make an effective kidney scraper)
- A small sponge

Tools and equipment cannot be left in the classroom, please take all personal items home.

The nearest supplier for specialist tools is The Clay Cellar at Brenchley,

<https://www.claycellar.co.uk/tools>

(Please check website for opening times and delivery details.)

Will there be additional costs?

An amount of clay is included within the course fees. Learners will weigh and record weight / price with the aid of the tutor before firing. Once the set amount has been reached, learners will need to weigh, record, pay and show proof or payment before items are fired.

The cost of clay includes:

Clay ordering, processing, and delivery.

Cost of glazes and finishing materials.

Cost of firing (electricity and upkeep of kilns)

Technician costs

As such, the cost per Kg. is greater than sold at wholesale price.

What could I go on to do after this course?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as medway School of Art and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide - range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through with you and your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

Health and Safety

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By participating in the pottery class, you accept that you understand that pottery involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability. No open toed shoes in the pottery, long hair must be tied back and apron worn (learners must provide their own and take them home each week to clean).

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities.

You understand that this is a practical activity, and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes. MAE is not responsible for damage to your items.

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