

Supply List

Online Advanced Wheel Throwing

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Everyone's needs and throwing styles are unique, so you may find you need more or less, or different tools. Here's a list of the basics—everyone should already have most of these things by now.

- Pottery Wheel (recommended, so we can talk about technique as you're working)
- Clay.
- Basic pottery tool kit. You probably have something like this already.
 - I recommend the Kemper kit, as the tools are a higher quality.
- Bucket and water.
 - Get a bucket with a "sharp" lip edge, so you can
- A clean work surface to assemble, make handles, etc.
- Webcam and internet connection so we can see each other and participate.

You can probably get by with just this stuff. I'd recommend getting a few more things...

- Bats/pins or a bat system. If you want or need.
 - I use bats when I'm making bowls/plates or very large things.
 - Plastic bats make managing the drying phase tricky.
 - I mostly use plaster Hydrobats for plates and large bowls. They are made out of a gypsum cement, which is as absorbent as regular plaster, but much stronger.
 - A lot of people I know like the Wonderbat system. They've gone out of business, but there is a substitute at Clayking.com
- Ware boards (Greenboard-type drywall with duct-taped edges is what I prefer)
 - I pick my small pieces (up to 5 lbs) up from the wheelhead with my hands and place them on clean ware boards or boards covered with newspaper. This saves space in my small studio...and I don't have to buy a whole bunch of bats.
- Selection of ribs and more advanced tools (this is not an exhaustive list)
 - The ribs I use the most are a standard Kemper kidney rib (no sharp corners) and a standard metal rib.
 - For larger bowls, I recommend the Large Green bowl rib from Mud Tools. This should be distinguished from the small green bowl rib. In the small sizes, the green rib is a little more flexible than the blue. I would go for the blue ribs—the most rigid—if you're getting the smaller ribs for shaping.
 - I don't recommend using the soft (red or yellow) *bowl* ribs from Mud tools for shaping. They are too soft.
 - I really like my Bison standard trimming tool. They are expensive, and they will shatter if you drop them on the floor. If you're careful, they will last forever. If you're clumsy, you will be wasting your money.
 - Cheese Cutter for faceting. I like the ones with the adjustable, removeable roller.
 - Texture rollers/stamps/etc.
 - Lid master caliper, or two regular lid calipers if we get into lids.

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