

Hey everyone,

Thank you so much for coming to my workshop today! I really enjoyed showing my process.

Tips to remember:

- Draw on the clay when it's leather hard. You can erase your design with a damp sponge if you don't like it.
- Carve in a garbage bag. This will slow down how quickly your piece dries.
- Dipping and spraying glaze can be easier. If you brush the glaze, make sure you wait until each layer is COMPLETELY dry before adding another one. Otherwise, you may end up with unintended brush strokes showing through.
- Be patient! Carving takes a lot of time.
- My favorite cone 6 clay was Laguna #16 porcelain. It's the easiest to work with. Cone 6 Frost is significantly prettier, however it's finicky. If you're just starting out, try using B-mix as it's more economical and is not hard to work with. Whatever clay you use, you want to make sure it doesn't have any grog or sand in it. A smooth clay body is essential.

Feel free to reach out to me with questions either through social media @thorpeceramics on Facebook or Instagram, or email me at thorpeceramics@gmail.com.

Here is a list of the tools that I use frequently and links to each.

Xiem sgraffito tools:

https://www.amazon.com/Xiem-Studio-Tools-Sgraffito-Detailing/dp/B01BVRJNHG/ref=asc_df_B01BVRJNHG/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=693590029089&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=2905350606308126998&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9029678&hvtrgid=pla-318326145500&mcid=61b86d2c01ce3d978f818b582896576f&gad_source=1&th=1

Stylus tools:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CBRSDP7P/ref=sspa_dk_detail_0?psc=1&pd_rd_i=B0CBRSDP7P&pd_rd_w=pFvYh&content-id=amzn1.sym.eb7c1ac5-7c51-4df5-ba34-ca810f1f119a&pf_rd_p=eb7c1ac5-7c51-4df5-ba34-ca810f1f119a&pf_rd_r=KZ9XA1JQF0RK159NZAGY&pd_rd_wg=vrByy&pd_rd_r=6d63f4e8-5c63-4d1b-b7b1-ff62be1c56e5&s=arts-crafts&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9kZXRhaWw

Xiem rib:

https://seattlepotterysupply.com/products/xiem-stainless-steel-ribs?variant=34099325370507¤cy=USD&utm_medium=product_sync&utm_source=google&utm_content=sag_organic&utm_campaign=sag_organic&utm_campaign=PMax_campaign

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Diamond core tools:

<https://diamondcoretools.com/collections/relief-carving-tools/products/4-piece-4pr-set-1>

<https://diamondcoretools.com/collections/sgraffito-tools-1/products/11-sgraffito-needle-1-mm-ball>

Finishing sponges:

<https://mudtools.com/products/mudsponge-collection>

Pencils:

<https://www.dickblick.com/products/generals-kimberly-drawing-pencils/>