

Glassboro Public Schools Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Instructional Unit Map			
Course Title: Ceramics			
Teacher	Shane Davis	Start Date	~November
Unit Title	Handbuilding- Coil	Length of Unit	2-3 Projects
Essential Questions	 How can the coil building technique be used to create both functional and sculptural ceramic forms? What can we learn from ancient ceramic traditions, such as Jomon coil pottery, and how do these techniques inform contemporary ceramics? How can decorative techniques, like Mishima, be used to enhance the surface of a coil-built form? What role do culture and history play in the development of ceramic techniques, and how can we incorporate cultural references into our own work? 		
Summative Assessments	Primary Summative Assessments: Midpoint Review Objective: Students will participate in an individual review with the instructor. They will present their sketchbooks as well as all relevant studies and completed works of art. Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting. Final Ceramics Project Objective: Students will create a final ceramic piece incorporating the tools and techniques practiced during the Unit. Students will be expected to apply an understanding of the Elements of Art and Principles of Designs discussed. Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting. Portfolio Submission Objective: Students will compile a portfolio of their work from the unit, including practice exercises, studies, and completed projects, showing effort, growth, and skill development.		

	Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting.		
Formative Assessment	 Daily Participation Students will be evaluated daily on their effort, participation, and engagement with the material. Sketchbook Checks Objective: Evaluate students' sketchbooks for ongoing engagement with drawing exercises, experimentation with materials, and application of techniques and concepts. Evaluation: Score based on effort, creativity, and completion of assigned tasks. Written Artist Statements and Reflections Objective: Students will write artist statements or complete reflections after completing selected artworks or projects. Evaluation: Assess for depth of understanding, clarity of expression, and connection to the lesson objectives. Class Critiques Objective: Students will participate in a peer critique, providing constructive feedback and reflecting on their own work. Evaluation: Grade based on active participation, thoughtful commentary, and ability to articulate an understanding of 		
Core Instructional Materials	 artistic principles. Mattison, Steve. The Complete Potter. New York, Watson-Guptill Publications, 2003. Bruce, Susan. The Art of Handbuilt Ceramics: Contemporary Techniques, Projects, and Inspiration. Philadelphia, Running Press, 2007. Hooson, David, and Louisa Taylor Quinn. The Workshop Guide to Ceramics: A Fully Illustrated Step-by-Step Manual. London, Thames & Hudson, 2012. Peterson, Susan, and Jan Peterson. Working with Clay: A Beginner's Guide. 3rd ed., Upper Saddle River, Prentice Hall, 2003. 		
Core Supplemental Materials	 Sketchbooks White Earthenware Clay Red Earthenware Clay Clay Boards Clay Sculpting Tools Underglaze Glaze Watercolor Palettes Brushes 		

Pre-requisite Skills Pre-requisite Course: Studio Art I **Potential Student Hurdles** Limited Prior Knowledge of Art Concepts • Some students may not have been exposed to the elements of art or principles of design. • Hurdle: Difficulty grasping foundational art vocabulary and applying these concepts. Lack of Experience • Students may have varying levels of experience and confidence with ceramics. Hurdle: Inexperienced students might feel intimidated or frustrated when compared to peers with more advanced skills. Limited Fine Motor Skills • Some students may struggle with hand control or precision, which can affect their ability to manipulate, pinch, carve, and sculpt with clay. • Hurdle: Difficulty executing techniques like pinching, coiling, slipping and scoring. Fixed Mindsets About Talent vs. Skill • Students may believe that artistic ability is an innate talent rather than a skill that can be developed with practice. • Hurdle: Hesitation to engage fully in exercises or fear of failure. Time Management and Focus • Some students may struggle to pace themselves, rushing through projects or becoming overwhelmed by detailed assignments. • Hurdle: Difficulty balancing quality with productivity and staying engaged throughout the process. Accessibility and Learning Differences Students with learning differences or visual impairments may require modified instructions, tools, or additional support. • Hurdle: Challenges to understanding instructions or performing tasks without accommodation. Lack of Interest or Motivation Students taking this course as a requirement may not feel personally invested in the subject. Hurdle: Apathy toward assignments and reluctance to put in effort. **Strategies to Address Hurdles** • Provide explicit instruction on art concepts with visuals and examples. Incorporate differentiated tasks to accommodate various skill levels. Emphasize process over product to build confidence. Offer scaffolding and practice exercises to develop fine motor skills. Create a supportive classroom environment that celebrates effort and growth. Include engaging activities and connect lessons to students' interests to increase motivation.

English Language Learners

Assessment and Instructional Scaffolds	 Visual Aids and Demonstrations Use step-by-step visuals, diagrams, and live demonstrations for all instructions. Label visuals with vocabulary terms. Simplified Language and Sentence Frames Provide instructions in simple, concise language. Offer sentence starters for critiques. Bilingual Resources Supply bilingual glossaries for art terminology or use translation apps for key concepts. Peer Support and Group Work Pair ELLs with supportive peers for collaboration and explanation. Assessments Allow responses to written reflections or critiques in their native language if needed. Assess based on demonstration of concepts rather than language proficiency. 	 Chunked Instructions Break tasks into smaller, manageable steps. Provide a checklist for multi-step assignments Adapted Tools Offer adaptive tools such as pencil grips or thicker markers for fine motor challenges. Extended Time Provide additional time for projects and assessments. Flexible Seating and Environment Allow students to choose quieter spaces or sit near the teacher for extra support. Frequent Check-Ins Monitor progress regularly to ensure understanding and provide immediate feedback. Modified Expectations Adjust rubric criteria. 	
	Students at Risk of School Failure	Gifted and Talented Students	
	Guided Practice • Begin projects with structured warm-up exercises or partially completed templates. Frequent Feedback • Provide consistent, formative feedback to build confidence and guide improvement. Access to Exemplars • Share examples of completed work at varying skill levels to model expectations. Simplified Objectives • Focus on simpler goals and outcomes for each assignment. Peer Support • Pair struggling learners with more confident peers during collaborative activities. Access (Resources and/or Process)	 Open-Ended Challenges Offer optional extension tasks that allow for creative exploration, such as experimenting with mixed media or advanced techniques. Independent Projects Encourage advanced students to propose their own projects related to the unit. Leadership Opportunities Assign roles in group critiques or ask advanced learners to mentor peers. Enrichment Activities Provide additional resources, such as artist biographies, masterwork studies, or online tutorials for self-guided learning. Higher-Order Thinking Prompts Challenge them to analyze how professional artists develop work and apply similar techniques. Expression (Products and/or Performance) 	

Differentiated Instructional Methods

Visual Resources

- Provide examples of professional and student artwork that illustrate the elements of art and principles of design.
- Use charts, diagrams, and infographics to break down techniques step-by-step.
- Create a visual vocabulary wall with labeled examples of key concepts.

Guided Practice

- Offer structured exercises.
- Use teacher-led demonstrations to model processes.

Digital Tools

- Provide access to drawing tutorials, apps, or websites that offer step-by-step guides and interactive learning.
- Use slide decks or instructional videos for students to revisit concepts at their own pace.

Flexible Grouping

- Organize small-group rotations where students work with peers, receive direct instruction, or explore independently.
- Pair advanced learners with struggling learners for peer modeling.

Choice in Materials

• Allow students to choose from a variety of materials based on their comfort and interest.

Multi-Sensory Activities

• Use hands-on activities to engage tactile and kinesthetic learners.

Visual Projects

- Students create final artworks that demonstrate mastery of techniques.
- Sketchbooks are used to showcase practice, experimentation, and idea development.

Written Reflections

- Assign artist statements explaining their choices and process in their final project.
- Use journals for students to reflect on their growth, challenges, and successes.

Verbal Communication

- Facilitate peer critiques and discussions where students articulate their understanding of artistic concepts.
- Use student presentations where they analyze and explain their work or a selected artist's use of elements and principles.

Collaborative Work

- Group projects where students create a shared piece incorporating specific elements of art.
- Team critiques where students evaluate each other's work using constructive feedback.

Digital Products

- Students document and share their process digitally through photos or videos.
- Advanced students may create digital portfolios showcasing their unit work.

Choice Boards

 Provide multiple options for project types to allow students to select based on their strengths and interests.

Integration of Technology

Instructional Tools and Resources:

Online Tutorials and Demonstrations

- Resources: Platforms like YouTube or Art21, or for technique tutorials.
- Purpose: Offer step-by-step guides and supplemental learning for struggling or advanced learners.

Interactive Presentations

- Tools: Google Slides, Canva, Kahoot, MagicSchool.
- Purpose: Present the information on the unit through presentations, videos, and interactive quizzes.

Virtual Museum Tours

- Resources: Websites like Google Arts & Culture or individual museum sites (e.g., The Met, MoMA).
- Purpose: Inspire students by analyzing how professional artists develop and create work.

Assessment and Feedback

Digital Portfolios

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Students document and submit their sketches, practice exercises, and final projects digitally for teacher and peer feedback.

Collaborative Critiques

- Tools: Google Docs, Schoology.
- Purpose: Facilitate virtual critiques where students upload images of their work and provide feedback through comments or sticky notes.

Rubric and Feedback Management

- Tools: Schoology, Google Classroom
- Purpose: Use rubrics to assess work digitally and provide individualized feedback.

Documentation and Sharing

Time-Lapse Recordings

- Tools: Built-in tablet or smartphone time-lapse cameras.
- Purpose: Encourage students to record their process, reflecting on how their work develops over time.

Classroom Blog

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Share student work with peers, families, and the school community.

QR Code Integration

• Tools: QR code generators.

	Purpose: Students attach QR codes to their final pieces, linking to process videos or artist statements.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	 Creativity and Innovation 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas. Core Idea: With a growth mindset, failure is an important part of success. 9.4.12.CI.2: Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities. 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition. Core Idea: Innovative ideas or innovation can lead to career opportunities.
	 Critical Thinking and Problem-solving 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice. 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving. Core Idea: Collaboration with individuals with diverse experiences can aid in the problem-solving process, particularly for global issues where diverse solutions are needed.
	 Digital Citizenship 9.4.12.DC.6: Select information to post online that positively impacts personal image and future college and career opportunities. Core Idea: Cultivating online reputations for employers and academia requires separating private and professional digital identities.
	 Technology Literacy 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments. 9.4.12.TL.4: Collaborate in online learning communities or social networks or virtual worlds to analyze and propose a resolution to a real-world problem. Core Idea: Collaborative digital tools can be used to access, record and share different viewpoints and to collect and tabulate the views of groups of people.
Interdisciplinary Connections	6.1 U.S. History: America in the World by the End of Grade 12 Era 14. Contemporary United States: Domestic Policies (1970–Today) • 6.1.12.HistoryCA.14.c: Determine the influence of multicultural beliefs, products (i.e., art, food, music, and literature), and practices in shaping contemporary American culture.

Instructional Pacing Guide			
Activity Title	NJSLS	Learning Objectives	Student Activities

Pinch and Coil Coil Introduction Functional Vessel South American Pottery	1.5.12acc.Cr2b: Demonstrate awareness of ethical implications of making and distributing creative work. 1.5.12prof.Pr5a: Analyze and evaluate the reasons and ways an exhibition is presented. 1.5.12prof.Re8a: Interpret an artwork or collection of works, supported by relevant and sufficient evidence found in the work and its various contexts. 1.5.12adv.Cn10a: Synthesize knowledge of social, cultural, historical, and personal life with artmaking approaches to create meaningful works of art or design.	 Students will demonstrate proficiency in coil-building techniques, including rolling, stacking, and blending coils. Students will apply pinch pot techniques to construct a functional or sculptural vessel that integrates coiled handles and a spout. Students will analyze the forms, functions, and surface designs of South American pottery, including Nazca, Moche, and Incan ceramics. Students will reflect on their creative process, discuss their design choices, and refine their work through self and peer critique. 	Students will practice rolling consistent coils and blending techniques on small test slabs before incorporating them into their vessel. Students will construct a vessel using pinch and coil techniques, refining their craftsmanship through trial and error. Present Students will curate their work-in-progress for an informal peer critique session, discussing form, function, and craftsmanship. Respond Students will reflect on the challenges they encountered in coiling and how they adapted their technique to improve their final product. Connect Students will analyze South American pottery (Nazca, Moche, Inca), identifying key characteristics such as shape, function, and surface decoration.
Jomon Coil Pots Coil Vessel Mishima	1.5.12acc.Cr2a: Through experimentation, practice and persistence, demonstrate acquisition of skills and knowledge in a chosen art form.	Students will demonstrate advanced coil-building techniques by constructing a structurally sound vessel inspired by Jomon pottery.	Create • Students will research Jomon pottery and sketch preliminary vessel designs incorporating coil structures and textural elements.

- 1.5.12acc.Pr6a: Make, explain and justify connections between artists or artwork and social, cultural and political history.
- 1.5.12prof.Re7a: Hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences.
- 1.5.12adv.Re7b: Determine the commonalities within a group of artists or visual arts attributed to a particular type of art, timeframe, or culture.
- 1.5.12prof.Cn10a: Document the process of developing ideas from early stages to fully elaborated ideas.

- Students will refine surface blending and texturing skills to create both smooth and decorative coil designs.
- Students will apply the Mishima glazing techniques to create intricate surface patterns and contrast in their ceramic work.
- Students will analyze the historical significance of Jomon pottery and compare it to other coiling traditions.
- Students will reflect on their creative process and articulate how historical influences informed their design choices.

• Students will construct their Jomoninspired vessels, refining surface details and ensuring stability in form.

Present

 Students will document their construction and Mishima glazing process with photos and written reflections for their portfolios.

Respond

 Students will analyze Jomon pottery and other historical coil-built vessels, comparing techniques, forms, and decorative styles.

Connect

 Students will write a reflection on how Jomon pottery influenced their creative decisions and how ancient techniques remain relevant today.