

The Pinch Pot Challenge

The challenge: transform 7 pinch pots into unique objects.

1. Start by refreshing your memory on how to make a good quality pinch pot by watching the following videos. *Hint: it takes more than one day!*

WATCH: [Pinch Pot Cup Forms Day 1](#)

[Pinch Pot Cup Forms Day 2 CLEANING](#)

2. Make 7 “perfect” pinch pots of various sizes. This may mean you make more than 7 in order to end up with 7 good quality pinch pots with excellent craftsmanship.

3. BRAINSTORM! This part can be done as a whole class, in small groups, or individually. How can you transform a simple pinch pot form? Make a list of unique forms - aim for 50 items.

To help you think outside the box, consider these prompts... Is it functional or sculptural? What if you turned it upside down or on its side? What if the opening were a mouth? What if it weren't perfectly round? What if it were an animal/monster/creature? What if it had holes? What if...?

4. Transform your 7 pinch pots into something more than a simple pinch pot. Only TWO may remain a functional object (i.e. a cup, bowl, or something you'd use in the kitchen).

Remember that joining clay requires scoring and slipping, otherwise your piece will fall apart.

WATCH: [Pinch, Coil, Score and Slip](#)