

Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



Bowls and Spikes

Ages: 8-Adult (Adaptable for various skill levels depending on chosen technique)

Materials

- Clay, Pottery Wheel, Basic pottery tools (rib, needle tool, wire cutting tool, sponge, trimming tools, scoring tool), slip, Glaze, Kiln, or can be done in with hand building techniques

Art Techniques

- Throwing a Bowl (on wheel) or Pinch Pot (hand-building)
- Sculpting (for spikes/fins/features)
- Scoring and Slipping (for attachment)
- Creating Texture (adding small details)
- Clay Finishing

Art Principles/ Elements

- Form
- Function
- Texture
- Balance
- Design

Instructions

1. Create your basic bowl shape either by centering clay on the pottery wheel and throwing it, or by hand-building a pinch pot bowl.
2. Roll out small pieces of clay and sculpt your chosen creature details like spikes, fins, or an abstract textured surface.
3. Score and slip all the sculpted additions onto your bowl, securely attaching them and blending the joins.
4. Refine all surfaces, smooth any rough edges, and allow your finished creature bowl to dry completely.
5. Glaze to your liking and fire when completely dry!