

OVAL BODY VASE

Materials needed: 5 lbs. of White moist clay, HS05 hump/slump, TX09 texture mold, XX10 Stamps, one yard of canvas, XL rolling pin, Sandbag (place one cup of play sand into handkerchief and tie to close), wooden fettling knife, small round sponge, medium glaze brush, squeeze bottle for slip.

The moist clay used in the projects featured is a moist low White low-fire (cone 06-04) clay, available from most ceramic/pottery suppliers. This clay body when fired to cone 04, can be painted with any glaze currently used on standard bisque ware.

Wedge clay. Roll out a 10" diameter by 5/8" thick slab of clay. Curve the slab into H-S05 Slump. Pounce the clay into place with sandbag. Trim excess from edge. Tap on Edge of mold to remove from mold.

Repeat the steps above to create a second clay oval. Score the edges of both sides add slip and press the forms together. Use a skewer or needle tool to abrade across the lip where the forms are joining. Run a blade around edge to smooth the abraded area. Smooth with a rib, and a moistened sponge. Stand upright the joined pieces upright and press gently to make a flat bottom edge.

Cut a circle out of slab to use as a bottom foot. Smooth the edges. Score the bottom of the joined form & the circle. Add slip and press the form into the foot firmly.

Roll a clay slab onto TX09 texture tool. Cut an arched section from the slab that is approximately 10" l. x 7" wide. Shape the textured slab into a conical neck form. Trim the slab accordingly.

Score the bottom & side edges of the neck form. Slip sides together. Set neck on the top of the oval base. Use a needle tool to lightly mark the area of the oval body that is inside the neck. Remove the neck form. Cut a hole in the oval base where the neck will be placed. Score and add slip to the edge of the hole on the base. Place the neck on the base. Roll out two thin strips of clay. Bend the strips and use slip to add the bent strips to the body at the base of the neck to form small decorative handles. Dry Thoroughly. Fire slowly to a witness cone .04

Glaze as desired & fire accordingly.

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