

Basic Throwing

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I can't find some of the web sites that I took these photos from. Google "how to throw on a wheel" and you'll find a wealth of information. The best I've seen to date is:

<http://www.lakesidepottery.com/>

Parts of a pottery wheel

At right

Rules

1. Never get on or off the wheel while it's moving.
2. No sweatpants.
3. Keep your *hands touching each other*.
4. Keep your elbows braced; on your knee is better than on your side.
5. Wear *shoes* that won't come off.
6. Touch your work *only while the wheel is moving*.

Goals

- A centered pug
- Opening in the center of the pug
- Walls of the same thickness up and down:

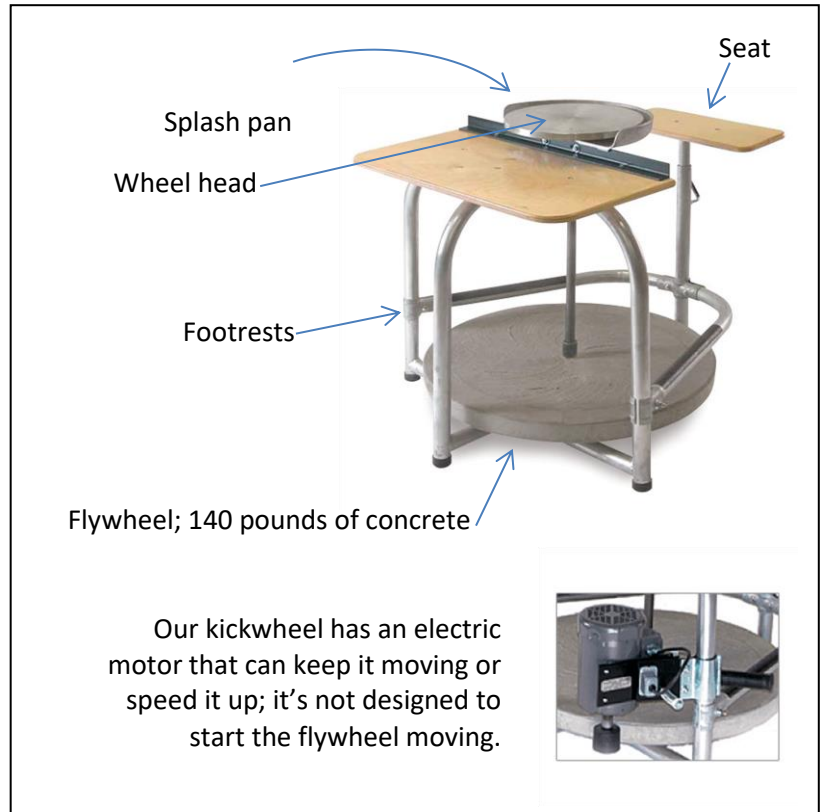


Tips

- Use hand cream after you're finished.
- Wash your clothes in warm or hot water to remove the clay.

Steps: In Theory

1. Center the clay
2. Open the clay
3. Pull walls
4. Shape
5. Wire off
6. Trim



Steps: Reality

1. Center the clay
 - a. Attach batt to wheel head
 - b. Throw clay onto batt
 - c. Cone up & down
 - d. Clean up edges
2. Open the clay
 - a. Enter with finger or thumb to depth
 - b. Pull open
 - c. Dry compress floor
3. Pull walls: 3 Times
 - a. Pull straight up
 - b. Compress lip
4. Shape
5. Wire off
6. Trim when leatherhard

1. Center the clay: centered clay piece is called a "pug."



1. a. Attach batt to wheel head using clay

1. b. Throw clay onto center of batt



1. c. Cone up & down, usually 3 times



1. d. Clean up edges with tool

2. a. Enter with finger or thumb to depth wanted



2. b. Pull open



2. c. Dry compress the floor



3. a. Pull straight up



3. b. Compress the lip



4. Shape



5. Wire off



6. Trim when leatherhard

