

## Paint Your Own Pottery Tips and Tricks:

- You can use a pencil to draw out a design before painting it. The graphite will burn off in the kiln.
- Use a clean brush to dip directly into a paint jug. Or use the paint on the inside of the lid. Please do not pour out any paint!
- Mixing paints is NOT recommended. These paints do not follow color theory, they follow chemistry. Blending paints on your piece is a great way to get gradients and some new colors.
- Dark paint can go over light, light paint cannot go over dark.  
Think: Light first, then Dark
- No more than 2-3 layers of paint. No more than 1-2 when using black. Less is more!
- Do not paint the bottom of your piece (the part that sits on the table)! It will stick to the kiln and break! We may wax it before you start painting to help avoid this.
- Any unpainted portions of your piece will have the natural coloring of the ceramic.  
Porcelain = Plain Gray  
Stoneware = Spotted Gray
- Have fun!!!