

STAGES OF CLAY



Slip / Slurry

Clay mixed with water into a pudding-like or liquid consistency.

Used for joining clay, slip trailing, and slip casting.



Plastic

Soft, workable clay that can be easily molded and formed.

Used for hand-building, extruding and wheel throwing.



Leather-Hard

Clay that has hardened slightly.

This is the ideal stage for carving clay and building tall slab constructions.



Bone-Dry

Clay that is completely dried and ready to be fired.

Clay is very fragile at this stage.



Bisqueware

Clay that has been transformed into ceramic material after being fired once. Ready to be glazed, stained or painted.



Glazeware

Ceramic material with glaze applied and fired a second time.

Non-Recyclable