

## Kiln Cafe Education & Product Training Policy

At Kiln Cafe, we believe that creativity flourishes with the right guidance! Whether you're painting pottery for the first time or exploring hand-building with clay, our team is here to provide clear, easy-to-follow education so you can confidently create beautiful pieces.

### 1. Pottery Painting & Glazing Education

We offer general instruction to help beginners understand the fundamentals of painting and glazing ceramics, including:

- Underglaze application – How to achieve even coverage, layering techniques, and color intensity.
- Gloss glaze application – How to apply clear glaze, ensuring proper coverage for a smooth, glossy finish.
- Amount of glaze to apply – Tips for avoiding drips, streaks, or areas that are too thick or too thin.
- Drying times – Understanding how long pieces need to dry before firing.
- Basic techniques – Sponging, layering, resist techniques, and other creative methods.
- Earthenware background – A general overview of how earthenware pottery is made, fired, and finished.
- Glaze firing education – An introduction to how the kiln works, what happens during a glaze firing, and the effects of temperature on glazes.

### 2. Hand-Building with Clay Education

For those interested in working with raw clay, we provide foundational knowledge to help their creations succeed, including:

- Clay structure & memory – Understanding how clay “remembers” movement and how it can shift during drying and firing.
- Thickness & bonding – Guidelines for ensuring even thickness and properly attaching pieces to prevent cracks or breakage.
- Drying process – How to dry hand-built pieces correctly to avoid warping or structural issues.
- Basic hand-building techniques – Slab, coil, and pinch methods for shaping and assembling clay.

Our goal is to empower customers with the knowledge they need to create with confidence while keeping the process fun and accessible. If you have any questions during your visit, our team is always happy to help!