

Handbuilding: Slab

Where do we see and  
use covered containers?

What are some metaphors  
we use to describe a  
container?

Brainstorm as a table

# Handbuilding: Slab

- **Slab:** is a handbuilding technique that involves shaping clay into broad, flat, thick pieces.

Guide  
Sticks

Rolling Pin



# Cutting Your Slabs

Needle  
Tool



Fettling Knife



Templates



# Constructing your Form

- ◉ **Leatherhard:** some water has evaporated to give clay sturdiness. Great stage for detail work, burnishing, slip decoration, will tear verses stretch if pulled apart. Still cool to the touch, and great for constructing slab.



Score, slip, and weld

# Creating a Cover

Clay/wire  
cutter



Flange





# Firing your Projects

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- Bisque Fire: (bisk) ceramic ware that has gone through first firing at a relatively low temp (cone 010 to 05) and still maintains porous state.



# Final Firing

- ◉ **Glaze Fire:** second firing where there is a coating of glass that is fused to the surface of a ceramic piece; becomes vitrified. Fires Cone 5 and up depending on clay.
- ◉ **Vitrification:** the stage during firing when a glaze loses its porosity and transforms into a hard, nonabsorbent, glasslike state.

