



Wheel Throwing

What is wheel throwing?

Kick



- * Wheel Throwing: forming pottery of plastic clay on a kick or electric powered wheel.



Kick/electric

Electric



Parts of an Electric Wheel

Wheel Head

Splash Guard

Seat



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Wheel Head

Splash Guard

Control Box

Pedal



How much clay do I need?

- * About 2 lbs or the size of an orange.
- * Wedge first
- * Have 2-3 balls of clay ready before you sit.
- * Ball shape eliminates possibility of hidden air pockets at the base.



What tools do I need?

Water bucket



Container
for tools



Trimming
tools

What is the most basic form?

- * Cylinder
- * Even wall thickness from base to rim
- * $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick base for sturdy base and minimal trimming



Stages in throwing a cylinder



Centering



Coning (wedging)



Opening up



Pulling



Compressing

Throwing marks



Trimming

- * At leather hard you can take the loop trimming tools to clean up your surface and create a foot for your piece.



Wheel Thrown Cup Objectives

- * Must be at least 4 inches tall
- * Based off a Cylinder
- * Have a form that is purposeful to its comfort and use
- * Trimmed when leather hard
- * Have a handle
- * Some type of surface decoration other than glaze