

Pottery - Intensive Throwing 1 RICA

This creative provision is being marketed as RICA (Rochester Institute of Creative Arts).

Join our one-off intensive throwing workshop, designed for all skill levels, from complete beginners to experienced potters, focused on enhancing your throwing techniques.

Beginners will learn essential skills such as centering, opening, and pulling to create cylinder shapes, while advanced students will have the opportunity to explore their creativity by crafting more complex forms like vases. With a limited focus on trimming due to drying time, participants will be introduced to a "no turning" method to perfect their pieces directly on the wheel.

Start Date: 07 November 2026
Start Time: 10:00
Lessons: 1
Weeks: 1
Hours: 6.00

All materials and tools are included, led by a professional tutor in a fully equipped studio.

If you are looking for a course to improve or maintain your mental health and wellbeing, why not book onto one of our courses from the Managing mental health and well-being offer?

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Be able to demonstrate the basics of throwing.
2. Be able to make at least 3 pots of different shapes (for beginner) and matching shapes or tall cylinders (for experienced learners).
3. Be able to finish at least 1 piece on the wheel without turning at leather hard stage.

Learners will also be expected to observe appropriate H&S rules.

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new pottery -based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

Suitable for all, beginners to those with throwing experience.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

- Please bring an apron and do not wear anything you value highly.
- No open toed shoes in the pottery.
- Long hair must be tied back (hair bands will not be provided)
- It would be advisable to bring a notebook and pen.
- Learners with previous experience should bring in an example of their own work to help in the initial assessment process.

Some of your guided learning hours will be used to complete paperwork such as ground rules and individual learning plans for the course. You will then have time to revisit these targets with your tutor to assess your progress.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

The cost of materials is included in the course fee. There will be no additional costs for this course. An amount of clay is included within the course fees, up to 6 items can be fired with a choice of clear or white glaze. A collection day for the finished piece will be arranged with the tutor.

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about another subject related course available.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Single session-

This course takes place in one session, so please attend the full lesson.

If you book a place but can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01634 338400. This will allow someone else to take your place.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that pottery involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Pottery activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area (no open toed shoes in the pottery, hair must be tied back when using the wheels)
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor
- Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.
- By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.