



How To Coil a Pot!

Materials:

clay body; scrape tool with rounded edges; slip (clay & water); cerated rib tool or fork; roller or smooth bottle, needle tool; flat surface; hands!



Step 1: roll out your clay with a rolling pin or a long smooth bottle with a 1/4 of an inch thickness and cut out your desired base using your needle tool



Step 2: Start making coils by cutting a piece of clay, elongating it with compressure, and rolling it out on a flat surface (be sure to have even pressure)



Step 3: Score your base and score one side of your coil with your cerated rib tool or fork!



Step 4: apply your slip (the binding glue) to both the coil pieces and the base on the places you have scored



Step 5: start to wrap your coil piece along the scored base and ensure to add pressure to expel air pockets

Step 6: start to merge and 'smudge' the added clay pieces before adding any more layers (blending the clay to be cohesive)



Step 7: Keep adding as many layers necessary to make your pot! Hint: you only need to slip and score the first coiled pieces, afterwards you can just coil your clay and smudge without clipping and scoring!

Keep This In Mind:

If you take a break, make sure to cover your piece with plastic to ensure it stays moist!

When you 'smudge' you clay pieces together, use your hand as support!

The length of your coils matter!! If you want to widen your pot then try making longer coils to add!

Examples:

