

Handbuilt Cups and Mugs

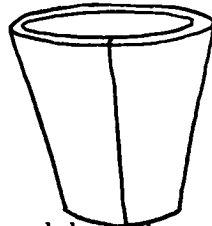
1. Roll out a slab about $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $\frac{3}{8}$ " of an inch thick. Use a template like the one shown below (or make your own!) to cut the piece that will form the cup walls.



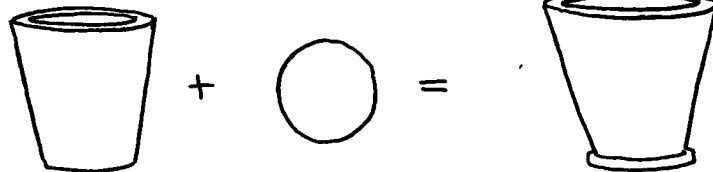
2. Cut a circle of clay from your slab to act as the cup base. I like to make it a little wider in diameter than the base of the cup wall, so that there is a slight overhang. This will give you a good cut off point for glaze!



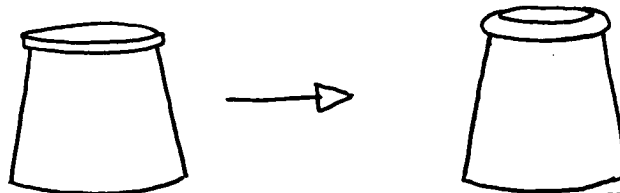
3. Join the long slab edges to form the cup walls. I tend to butt the edges together, but some people prefer to make a beveled seam. However you attach, make sure to work the seam well with a rib, to ensure it is firmly adhered.



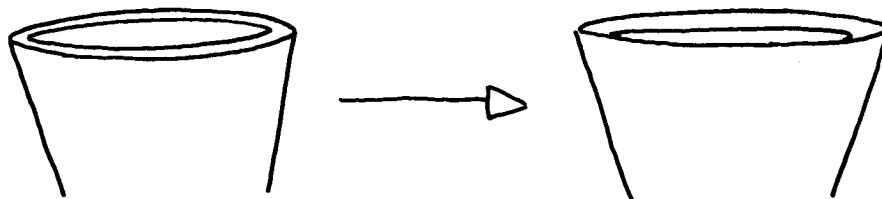
4. Attach the walls to the base slab, and use a brush with water to smooth and seal the seam.



5. Once the cup has set up a bit, roll the bottom edge on a table to soften and tap in the base with the heel of your hand to add some volume.



6. Use a sureform to bevel the inside edge of the rim. This will give your cup a much more finished look. Smooth with a rib or cut credit card.



7. Add a handle of your choice, or leave as a tumbler!