# **NERIKOMI: BOWLS AND PLATES**

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**Start Date | Rain Date**

Four-week class begins Monday, August 14th, 6-8:30pm

In case of instructor illness or weather, the rain date is September 11th.

**Location:**

Studio School Building | Hand building Studio | 2 NW 11th St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73103

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week 1: Making Patterns**

* Intro
* Mason stain mixing demo
* Pattern making demo
* Make chips for glaze tests

**Week 2: Making Shapes**

* Slump/hump mold demo
* Glaze demo
* Guided work time
* Glaze tests!

**Week 3: Work Day!**

* (Optional) Using unconventional objects demo
* Work Time

**Week 4:**

* Share and discuss work

## **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Clay is available for sale at the front desk ($17-21)

* ¼ pound Mason Stain of your choice**.** 
  + **You only need a small amount!** ¼ pound is enough.It should only cost $5 - $15. Just choose one color for now, you can try others later.
  + **Here is a list of basic colors that will fire at higher temperatures.** 
    - Black: [6600 Best Black](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8734/best-black-6600-1-4lb/)
    - Dark Blue: [6368 Copen Blue](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8702/copen-mason-stain-6368-1-4-lb/)
    - Bright Blue: [6376 Robins Egg Blue](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8708/robins-egg-6376-1-4-lb/)
    - Brown: [6061 Dark Chocolate](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8625/dark-chocolat-6160-1-4lb/)
    - Green: [6201 Celadon](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8632/celadon-6201-1-4lb/)
    - \* Yellow: [6464 Zirconium](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8724/zirconium-6464-1-4-lb/)
    - \* Bright Red: [6030 Mango](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/17166/mango-6030-mason-stain-1-4lb/)
    - \* Dark Red: [6088 Dark Red](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/8601/dark-red-mason-stain-1-4/)

Steer clear of bright greens, pinks, and some yellows which may have lower firing temps or be incompatible with glazes that contain zinc. If you have questions about that, here is an [extensive material reference sheet](https://www.masoncolor.com/reference-guide).

* + \* Keep in mind: warm colors like red, yellow, and orange can look dull under most clear glazes, which usually have a cool tone.
  + **The simplest choice is black, brown, or blue.**
* A **N95** dust mask
* Nitrile gloves
* A basic [metal rib/scraper](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/1475/scraper-3-7-8/)
* A basic cutting wire
* [A metal rib with serrated edge](https://www.theceramicshop.com/product/14873/serrated-metal-rib/)

**Optional Materials:**

* [Princeton Catalyst Silicone wedge](https://www.dickblick.com/items/princeton-wedge-shape-1/) (“shape 1” or “shape 6” with the smooth edge). This tool is the best for compressing slabs!