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Raw Materials cookbook 2004



A compilation of delicious recipes cooked up by the undergrads of the 2004 Raw Materials class

Name: Ann Bartges

Type: Stoneware (throwing)

Color: Orange/Brown in Ox. / dark brown with black specks in red.

Texture: Smooth Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Best color when fired in reduction / wet to fired shrinkage = 16%

Peculiarities:

Recipe: Helmer 46.44

OM-4 8.2
Newman Sub. 22.2
Flint 11.3
Custer Feldspar 12
100%

Development Process: This body was first developed for C. 6 using frit 3110 as a flux.

The latter addition of OM-4 with the Helmer made for a much better throwing body. With the addition of grog, this recipe could

also be used as a sculpture body.





Name: Ann Bartges

Type: Slip

Color: Bright White

Texture: Like Heavy whipped cream / frosting

Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Fits very well on my dark claybody (wet application)

Peculiarities: Can be layered very thick

Recipe: Grolleg 34.32

 EPK
 34.32

 C&C Ball
 8.2

 Flint
 11.3

 Custer Feldspar
 12

100%

Development Process: Using the same ratio of clay / flux / fillers as my throwing body, I

substituted Grolleg and EPK for Helmar and Newman Sub. To achieve a bright white. Colorants can be added using the recommended percentages from the VC handbook for slips.



Name: Liz Corrigan

Type: Stoneware (handbuilding)
Color: Dark brown with iron spots

Texture: Groggy Cone: 10 Red.

Firing Notes:

Peculiarities: Rather groggy / dries quickly

Recipe: Narco Fireclay 23.32

 Redart
 11.15

 Goldart
 10

 Ten. #10 Ballclay
 18.5

 Custer
 14.4

 Pyrax
 11.6

 Fine Grog
 10.37

Development Process: I began wanting a dark rough handbuilding clay. Getting the

plasticity I desired was difficult with this recipe however, and it

took a semester of adjustments to get it.





Name: Angela Del Raso

Type: Stoneware (Handbuilding)

Color: Brown with a sandy looking surface

Texture: Smooth and satin-like with a textured looking surface

Cone: 6

Firing Notes:

Peculiarities: Sometimes it's hard to tell how wet it actually is

Recipe: Helmer Kaolin 39.33

Barnard Blackbird 13.11
OM-4 8
Talc 17.48
Flint 16.56
Superfine grog 5.52

100%

Development Process: Initial choices were based on color and surface texture. Then

added fillers and fluxes that didn't wash the color out too much or alter the texture. Ball clay was added latter for plasticity.



Name: Elizabeth Emery

Type: Perlite Body (handbuilding)

Color: White

Texture: Rough / Oatmealy

Cone: 04-06

Firing Notes:

Peculiarities: Semi-Thixotropic. Presses well. Hard to use for slabs and coils.

Recipe: Grolleg 29.92

 Jackson Ball
 9.94

 Frit 3110
 28.34

 Neph. Sy.
 14.1

 Fine grog
 6

 Perlite
 9.1

 100%

Development Process: Initial choices were based on color and surface texture. Then I

added fillers and fluxes that didn't wash the color out too much or alter the texture. Ball clay was added latter for plasticity.







Name: Pete Kelly

Type: Porcelain (throwing)

Color: White (very cool white in red.)

Texture: Smooth but with body

Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Peculiarities:

Recipe: Grolleg 55

Kona F-4 20 Flint 12 Pyrax 13 100%

Add: V-Gum 2

30 Molochite 5 200 Molochite 5

Development Process: I worked from a standard porcelain body, then interchanged

different Kaolins and tested them each as throwing bodies. I really liked the feel and whiteness of the Grolleg but I decided to give it more body. I added Molochite instead of grog so I wouldn't dirty the color. The body works great with and without Molochite. You can adjust the amount and mesh size of

Molochite to fit your needs.







Name: Pete Kelly
Type: Flashing Slip

Color: Varies

Texture: Vitreous with crackle

Cone: 10 Salt

Firing Notes: Peculiarities:

Recipe: Epk 72.72

Neph. Sy. 18.18 Flint 9.1 100%

Development Process: I researched various different combinations of clays and fluxes

to see how they reacted to flashing in wood, salt, and soda. The combination of Neph. Sy. and EPK seemed to respond well to flashing. The cracks appeared during the drying stage and could be promoted by applying the slip to bone-dry as opposed to wet

or leatherhard clay.





Name: Lindsey Lawrence
Type: Black body (throwing)

Color: Black
Texture: Smooth
Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Fired in electric

Peculiarities: I prefer oxidation / in reduction it goes pretty shiny

Recipe: Newman Sub. 69.75

Barnard Blackbird 23.25 Flint 7 100%

Development Process: I first chose this because I really wanted a black throwing body

that was porcelain-like in texture and surface. After doing a series of different blends I settled on one with just Newman and Blackbird. I also tried it with Flint and Sand. I really didn't like the texture with the sand so I settled on the three ingredients...

Newman, Blackbird and Flint.





Name: Lindsey Lawrence

Type: Slip Color: Black

Texture: Smooth / creamy

Cone: 10

Firing Notes: I prefer this in oxidation because it gets really shiny in reduction

Peculiarities: Flakes off when applied over work that is too dry

Recipe: Newman Sub. 55

Barnard Blackbird 18.6 OM-4 ball clay 8 Neph. Sy. 12 Flint 5.6 100%

Development Process: I wanted a black slip to use over my porcelain that was really

smooth. I had a bit of trouble at first getting it to fit the body but

this recipe works pretty well.





Name: Connie (Hau Wah) Lee Type: Black body (handbuilding)

Color: Brownish black
Texture: Smooth and dense

Cone: 6

Firing Notes: Tends to bloat, even in slow firing, because of gas released by

the Barnard Blackbird

Peculiarities: To reduce the bubbles, reduce Barnard Blackbird to 50%

Recipe: Barnard Blackbird 75

Foundry Hill Crème 5 OM-4 20

100%

Development Process: The high percentage of Barnard Blackbird creates a very black

clay body without flux and fillers. It tends to break when the clay is bent. Additions of OM-4 can retain the dark clay body color and offer a more workable body. I developed this body to create

dense slab architectural forms



Name: Peter Pincus

Type: Stoneware (throwing)

Color: Off White Texture: Smooth Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Dependable clay that does not crack easily if cooled too quickly

Peculiarities: In reduction this clay will leave iron specs

Recipe: Tile 6 34.875

 Jackson Ball
 17.4375

 Goldart
 17.4375

 Kona F-4
 23.25

 Pyrax
 7

100%

Development Process: I used the three different clays to vary the particle size so I did

not have cracking or shrinkage issues. Primarily I used Tile 6 as a white, relatively inexpensive clay. I chose Pyrax to help keep the body as white as possible considering the Jackson and

Goldart additions.





Name: Jesse Potts

Type: Stoneware (throwing / handbuilding)

Color: Black with white specks
Texture: Fine with chunky feldspar

Cone: 10

Firing Notes: Must fire in Ox.

Peculiarities: In Red. It will flux out and become very metalic

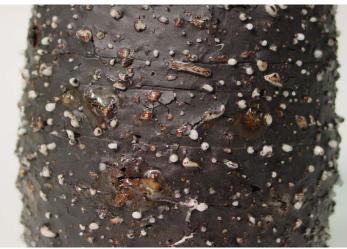
Recipe: Newman Sub. 57.42

Barnard Blackbird 19.14 Custer Feldspar 10.37 Crushed Feldspar 12.5 100%

Development Process: I worked with maintaining the claybody integrity while making

additions of crushed feldspar.





Name: Sarah Sabourin

Type: Stoneware (handbuilding / casting)

Color: White Texture: Smooth Cone: 6-7

Firing Notes: No special requirements-fired in electric kiln

Peculiarities:

Recipe: Peerless kaolin 53

C&C Ball 17.68
Neph. Sy. 10.11
Flint 4.25
Molochite 15
100%

Development Process:

I wanted a white, strong body for slab-built sculpture. I tend to work fast so I tried to work with embedding layers of slip with fashion toule plastic netting. This set up nicely and allowed for clean slab work. After adjusting, adding and omitting various ingredients, I came to a pretty good body. I finished the semester using this slip on my "Big" stoneware body and it worked very well. I am planning on working further with this slip over the summer with some darvan and possibly nylon fibers.



