

HOW TO CENTER CLAY

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Wet bat or wheel with sponge.



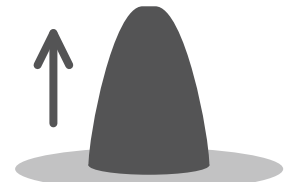
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Throw clay sphere onto bat or wheel.



3

Cone up. Start at the bottom and apply upward pressure.



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Cone down. Apply downward pressure from the top.



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Continue coning up and down until clay is centered and not wobbling anymore. The bottom of the clay should be centered with the top of the clay.



TIPS

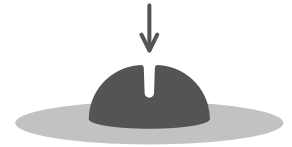
- Always keep hands wet.
- Anchor elbows into legs.



HOW TO OPEN CLAY

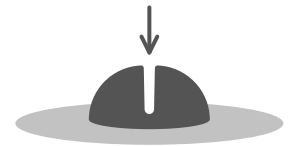
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Apply pressure to create hole in center.



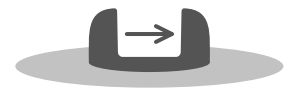
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Apply pressure until you are 1/2 inch - 1/4 inch from the bottom.



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Widen the opening by pulling the walls outward with your thumbs.



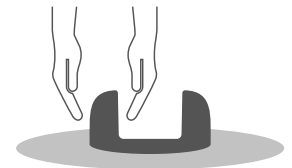
TIPS

- Be careful not to poke through the bottom.
- Use your sponge to keep the inside wet.

HOW TO PULL CLAY WALLS

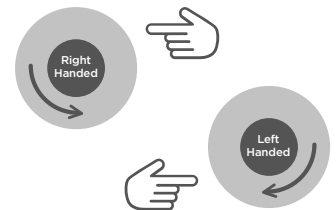
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Place your dominant hand on the outside and your other hand on the inside.



2

Think of the wheel as a clock. Righties should keep hand at 3 o'clock, lefties should keep hand at 9 o'clock.



3

Starting from the bottom, pull the clay walls up.



TIPS

- Keep your inside hand a little higher than your outside hand.
- If your hands feel like they are stopping, add more water.
- Don't ever have two hands on the outside!

