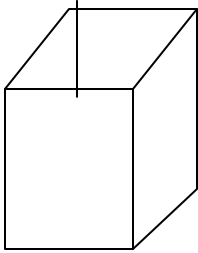


Slab Lantern

1. Finish Sketches on brainstorming worksheet and get checked off with Ms. C.



The better these drawings are the better your lantern will come out. Ms. C is checking off your designs to make sure they will work well in clay. Of course as you are working you may find that you want to change parts of the design but a good sketch is where to start!



2. Make a “mock lantern” with cardstock paper.

Use this to help cut out the right size sides for your lantern. Use tape to assemble it. You do not need to cut decorative design out, just draw it.

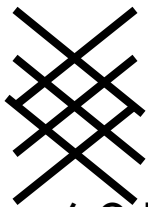
3. Roll out slabs: Enough for the sides, bottom, and top.

You want to have enough slabs for all sides including top and bottom to make sure that these all shrink at the same rate.

4. Cut the 4-6 sides of your lantern (not top or bottom yet!)

Using a ruler for straight sides or your “mock lantern”

5. After letting it sit for a day, score and slip side slabs together (Where clay hits clay slip and score.)



***If they are to flimsy let them sit out to harden.
MAKE SURE YOU COVER LOOSELY FOR OVER NIGHT!

6. Cut the bottom.

From one of your slabs that are ready, trace the bottom of your sides onto the slab cut, and then slip and score onto the bottom of the clay sides. Once you attach the bottom of the lantern, it will be much more stable.

7. Create top to the lantern body.

8. Let lantern harden to a leather hard stage

You do not want to get the lantern any harder than leather hard when carving negative space designs. You will find it cracks and breaks at the leather hard to greenware stage. *So cover your clay well when it gets to this stage!*

9. Transfer designs using marker or needle tool.

Your design should be drawn as perfectly as possible. The better this looks the better your design will look.

10. Cut designs using needle tools or exacto knives.

11. Make sure everything looks smooth!