

CERAMICS CLAYWORKING

DEFINITIONS

Greenware	Unfired clay pieces
Bisque	Fired clay pieces
Opaque Underglazes	Used on Greenware only! Clay based with color, 3-4 coats needed. Must be applied evenly.
Underglaze for Bisque(Stroke & Coat)	Used on Bisque only! Dry completely between coats. Recommend applying one or two coats of non-toxic clear glaze on top. This product has a non-toxic glaze in it, but if some areas do not have three coats or no color at all, then you must glaze over it. You can fire it to set the color before applying clear, if you are concerned about it smearing.
Glazes	Used on Bisque only! See exception re: Textural glazes below.
Clear Glaze	Used on top for fired underglaze, unfired underglaze for Bisque and by itself for an off-white finish.
Colored Glazes(Foundations & Elements)	Semi-Transparent and Transparent: These are transparent and work best on detailed areas. Semi-Opaque and Opaque: Best on smooth areas.
Textural GlazesCrystal Glazes(Jungle Gems, Chunkies, Crystal, Crystalites)	Can have many colored glass crystals in them. When applied to a piece, crystals must be at least one inch from the bottom, as the crystals will RUN! Do not overload crystals – they DRIP!

Non-Toxic Glazes	Ok for use with food. Apply evenly, as will not smooth out during firing. Note: Some glazes are not compatible and will say so on the labels.
Overglazes	Gold – Applied on a fired glazed surface, one coat using a brush reserved for gold. Silver – Same as above. Mother of Pearl – Applied on a fired glazed surface using a swirled motion; use a brush reserved for Mother of Pearl.
	NOTE: Wipe pieces with a dry paper towel or denatured alcohol before applying overglazes. Clean all brushes with alcohol.
Solvent Based Products	Brushes must be cleaned with solvent. Never use these brushes on fired products.
Acrylic Paints	Applied to Bisque. There are some acrylic paints that do not need to be spray sealed. There are opaque, semi-transparent, transparent oils, metallic and snow in the non-fired product line. DO NOT FIRE.
Decals	Applied to a fired glazed surface and fire again. Food safe.