

POTTERY

EYES FOR THE JOB- EPISODE 309.2

‘WHAT’S OLD IS NEW AGAIN’



MATERIALS AND TOOLS NEEDED

A block of Clay
Dowels of various widths
Blow Torch
Slip
Lazy Susan
Knife
Scoring tool
Various decorations



STEP BY STEP BUILD PLAN

1. Start by shaping a piece of clay into a cylinder. The height and width of the clay will be dependent on what you want to make.
2. Take the clay, and poke the dowel through it.
3. On a flat surface, roll the stick like a rolling pin, to help smooth out the clay.
4. Once the hole is big enough, upgrade to rolling it with a wider dowel. This will thin out the sides of the clay.
5. To let the clay keep its shape while it dries, put a large paper tub down the middle of it, standing it upright.
6. If you want to speed up the drying process, use a Lazy Susan to turn the clay, and a blowtorch to dry it. You want it to steam, so the water can leave the clay.
7. Sit the dried cylinder of clay on top of an extra wet piece of clay. Take a knife and cut out a bottom for the cylinder. This piece of clay will be the base
8. Remove the cylinder from the base and flip it upside down.
9. With a scoring tool make marks along the edge of the cylinder and the base.
10. Put a thick layer of slip where there's scoring on both the cylinder and base, this will attach the cylinder and the base.
11. Put the cylinder back on the base, and twist it back and forth. When it becomes hard to move, that means it's in place.
12. Let it dry for a while, and then you can decorate to your heart's content.