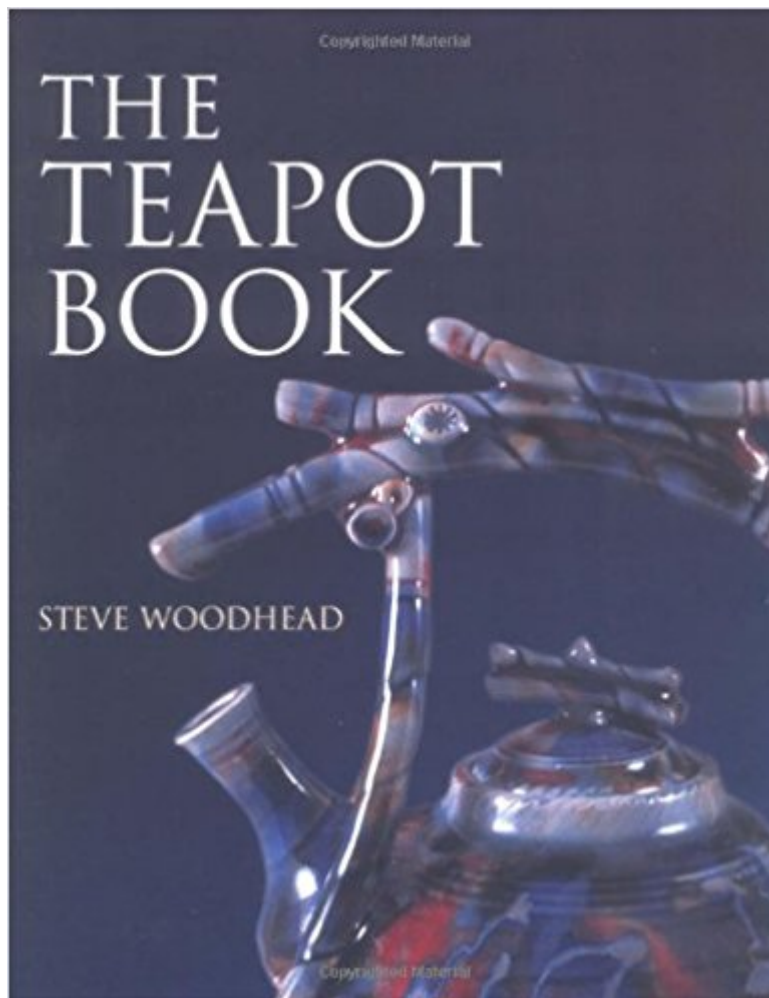




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The Teapot Book



Synopsis

A teapot is one of the most important ceramic forms; the ability to make one is a key test of a potter's skill. Its construction requires the mastery of many techniques, whether the piece is thrown or handbuilt. From clay forming to aesthetics, function to design, and practicality to ergonomics, the exercise of building a teapot poses a broad range of challenges for the artist. However, the very limitations of the form are what allow for immense creativity and innovation. This richly illustrated volume discusses the theory and design of the teapot as well as the numerous techniques for construction. For the beginning potter and the experienced teapot builder alike, *The Teapot Book* provides a useful step-by-step guide through the entire process of building a teapot, including materials, handle and spout placement, and kiln temperatures. The myriad illustrations also provide fodder for artists in need of new inspirations. There is a section devoted to contemporary potters and their galleries of teapots that will appeal to armchair enthusiasts, devoted collectors, and masters of the form. From the history of teapots to theories of their construction, from suggestions for their firing to instructions for making a proper pot of tea (warm your pot first!), *The Teapot Book* contains all the components that today's potters need to tackle this critical piece of their artistic development. This invaluable reference will be of interest to collectors and artists, and its lavish production will tempt beginning potters to approach this rite of passage for ceramicists.

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"Combined into *The Teapot Book*, these five chapters are a revelation and should be essential

reading for any potter."•Pottery Making Illustrated"Beautifully illustrated and amply fleshed out with commentary on technique, design, and materials."•Art Times"An excellent resource for anyone interested in the practical and aesthetic aspects of an object that is as central to the potter's art as the canvas is to the painter's. . . . This book will no doubt be the standard on the subject for some time. Essential."•Choice

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I had borrowed this book from my Clay Teacher and loved it so much that I purchased my own. It has a wealth of information from the history of teapots to considerations in creating your own form and making your own teapot "history". I would highly recommend this book to any Clay Artist who is interested in learning more about this type of pot and the various approaches to making it.

As a potter who make lots of teapots, I bought The Teapot Book and read it with great interest. The tips, illustrations and photos are a great help to me in improving the skills needed to make teapots. This book should be an inspiration to any potter aspiring to make excellent teapots. It will also be of interest to all potters and collectors as well. The book has diagrams, and beautiful full color photos of a teapot being assembled. There are contributions of glazes and tips by various European and American potters. The photo gallery of teapots and short anecdotes about the teapot and potter exhibits a cross sections of many styles of teapots from handmade to thrown. A very well written book.

Fascinating book with great info for those learning to make teapots. Love the mix of technical with how the artists find inspiration and bring that inspiration to fruition. Learned a lot and keep referring back to it.

I am thrilled with this book, it is more than just a teapot book, it explains so many of the problems that we have as potters, making a teapot that pours nicely, that the lid fits well and doesnt fall off during the pouring, that the spout doesnt twist crooked in the firing and just so much more, styles, ideas and a few glaze recipes as well, very well put together and I will find this book a must to buy for the serious potter

Love this book! Very inspirational.

This is a lovely book written about tea pots. The photos are really nice. It features the work of several artists. This book also gives you ideas for constructing tea pots.

Instructions for teapots unlike any other book. So glad I found it used! Checked it out from the library first and found out then that it was wonderful!

Gorgeous book with thoughtful detail and great step-by-step of the processes. This is a must-have for any potter looking to expand their teapot skill set and to gleam great inspiration from the imaginative creations shown throughout this book. LOVE it!

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