

MISSA 2017

PAPER PLASTER MOLD MAKING – Samantha Dickie

Student Supplies:

1 box of white clay. Whatever you have or prefer. Most will be thrown away after use with plaster. Depending on time, some clay may be used with finished molds for firing at home. If you are unsure what you would like to buy, I recommend CKK6.

General assortment of handbuilding tools – textural tools, smoothing tools, carving tools, fettling knife, small sponge, flexible ribs.

If you are driving, bring a rolling pin to share. We may use them time depending.

1 (or 2) Canvas covered board (24”x 30” approx) if you are driving.

2 or 3 smooth one-sided boards (approx 18-24”x18-30”) for working with plaster. Size is flexible, but must fit on a work table.

If you are flying, let me know and I will bring extra boards, both canvas covered and wood.

Thin plastic wrap - a small amount

Gloves: disposable 2-3 pairs – wearing latex gloves while working with plaster is essential. Hospital gloves work really well.

1 soft wide brush for applying mold soap

Sponges and buckets for clean-up plus old sponges for cleaning up plaster

1-2 old towels for cleaning up

Other equipment/supplies:

- Rasp or SurForm for shaving off extra plaster
- Kitchen metric scale that reads up to 11lbs minimum (digital or analog)
- Dust mask ** essential for working with dry plaster
- Bubble or spirit level that reads in all directions at once – from hardware store
- USG Pottery Plaster – ½ bag (if you are planning something huge, buy 1bag)
- Extra Large mixing bowl that will fit on the scale for measuring and mixing plaster – should be able to hold approx 10+L
- OR plastic bucket with approx 10 biodegradable plastic kitchen bags that fit into your bucket (makes clean up easier – optional)
- Stopwatch
- Newspaper if driving
- Sketchbook and pencil
- Hand cream (you'll want it)

Mostly we will cast from solid clay forms that we will make in class. If you have something at home that you have been dying to cast, bring it in, and we can take a look.

If you are flying, let me know and I can bring extra large bowls/buckets.

If you have questions about the supplies, please email me at sam at samanthadickie.com (replace “at” with the @ symbol)

Any other questions can be directed to missa@missa.ca

Many art supply stores will offer discounts to students. Just ask!