

MA Student learning agreement

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Brief explanation/ outline of project			
<p>I am planning on developing a range of sculptural pieces in different size, which demand different time and effort to make them, i.e. a few very bespoke pieces and some more speedy pieces. At the same time also want investigate into the making an accompanying range of more functional pieces. All these should be linked by an application of strong decorative surface pattern designs and be recognisable be form part of a cohesive aesthetic repertoire.</p>			
Context / Rationale			
<p>My strength lies with pattern making and surface decoration. I also love sculptures, which have volume, curves and organic shapes. I want to combine to see how larger amorphous 3D forms interact with more precise 2D patterns. I also want to see how I can carry this on to more practical pieces and hope to develop a signature look that links all my pottery pieces</p>			
Key areas of Research / Key Activities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research different surface decorating techniques and artist who use them - Explore different clays to find one that will work for me - Research patterns used by different ethnic people around the world and collect them in a sort of pattern library (in a sketch book or/and electronically) - Make a series of pattern and surface technique test pieces using combinations of under and on-glaze decoration - Make a series of small Marquettes of sculptural pieces - Explore how I can translate my decorating techniques onto a range of simple little vessels 			
Intended outcomes of project			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked on a set of two or three hand-built sculptural pieces, which are linked by their decorations. - Have a range of surface decoration test pieces to build up a repertoire of patterns and decorating techniques either on tiles and/or on smaller functional pieces such as bowls or cups. 			
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