

# Caring for **STONEWARE**

The stoneware that we sell in our studio is oven, microwave, freezer, and dishwasher safe. We suggest the following guidelines to extend the life of your work of art.

## **MICROWAVE**

Stoneware is safe for use in the microwave. Please use caution in handling hot ceramic items.

## **OVEN**

Stoneware can be safely warmed or heated in the oven. Place stoneware in the oven and allow it to heat gradually when the oven is turned on. Stoneware is oven-safe up to 450F. Never place cold stoneware items in a preheated hot oven or on the burner of a gas or electric range, grill, or open flame. Rapid temperature changes can cause thermal shock, which means your stoneware has the potential to crack and chip.

## **FREEZER**

Allow your stoneware piece to cool before placing it in the freezer to avoid thermal shock. Hot ceramic items should not be placed directly into the freezer.

## **CLEANING**

Stoneware may be placed in the dishwasher. Load the dishwasher carefully so that pieces do not bump into each other and chip. Use a non-abrasive dishwasher detergent. If cleaning by hand, avoid using abrasives such as steel wool or “gritty” cleansers. Stoneware should be brought to room temperature before cleaning to avoid thermal shock.

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