

**Ceramics on the Wheel**  
**Lesson Plan**  
**Kapa'a Middle School**

**Guest Artists:**

Erik Hertz – Hertz Pottery, Maryland

**Demonstration:**

Wedging, centering, coning, opening, pulling up

Trimming edges

Various sponges and tools

Dry fingers on dry clay

Off center – throwing off center

Cut the vessel in half to demonstrate wall thickness

Demo ball of clay coming off the wheel head – head too wet

**Vocabulary:**

Wheel, wedging, centering, throwing, pulling, coning, wheel head,

**Skills:**

Wedging, centering, opening, pulling up, clean-up, sponges, tools, bats

**Schedule:**

Day 1:

Watch videos on Internet – [hertzpotttery.com](http://hertzpotttery.com)

Demonstration of cylinder beginning to end

Demo centering

Round 1 student's

Clean-up

Alt. clay activity

Day 2:

Demonstration cylinder beginning to end – cut in half to show proper walls

Demo cylinder beginning to end – cut in half to show incorrect walls

Demo bowl beginning to end

Round 2 students

Clean-up

Alt. clay activity

**Alternate Assignment:**

For those students not working on the wheel:

Pinch pots, coil pots, glazing, and whistles