



Hope Vases Project

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We, as retired art teachers, love to work in a variety of mediums including clay. Having experimented with Raku clay, we started with some simple vases and the more we talked, the more we decided to do something with them. Having a love of gardens and flowers and knowing how uplifting they can be, we evolved into this idea of making HOPE vases, filling them with flowers and distributing them to people in the hospitals, etc. We distribute the vases through the nurses and other personnel as they know their patients and those that do not receive flowers or visitors. The purpose is to let them know through the HOPE vases that someone cares and has not forgotten them.

Through this project, we are promoting the arts and encouraging people to keep HOPE alive. We encourage those who can, to start a project like this in their community.

Our HOPE for you and your students is that you will develop a project to give back in your community. Every one of your students knows someone who has problems in their lives, either physical or emotional and need a ray of HOPE.

When you do this project, please take photos and send to us. We will gladly publicize your students' projects on the HOPE VASES Blog.



**Hand Built
Vase Lesson**



plan:

GLE'S:

EP 1 C11a; EP 1 D11a;PP 2 A 22c;PP 2 A 22 b;EP 1 C22a;EP1D22a;

Materials:

2" PVC pipe (12-18") Paper on pipe to prevent sticking

Low Fire clay

Assorted Texture tools

Paper pattern 6 1/2"x 9 1/2"

Finishing:

Glazes/Paints/Stains

Process:

- 1. Roll out slab approximately 3/8"**
- 2. Using pattern as a guide cut the clay on three sides (allowing the fourth side to create the top opening). Save the excess clay to create the bottom of the vase.**
- 3. Using textures and/or additive designs create the composition of your vase.**
- 4. Wrap the clay around the paper covered PVC pipe. Score, slip and seal the seam.**
- 5. Create the bottom by cutting a circle from the remaining scraps. Score, slip and seal the bottom seam.**
- 6. Impress the word HOPE on the vase. Smooth edges and finish the top.**
- 7. Sign the vase.**
- 8. Pull PVC pipe from the vase. Remove any excess paper and check the vertical line of your vase. Let dry and bisque fire.**
- 9. Finishing can be done with paint, glazes, stains or simply left plain.**



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