




Parties at the Milndavie Pottery



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Groups at the Pottery

There are a variety of options for groups at the pottery. "Taster" sessions for example, or painting on ready-made pottery are both great undertakings for groups of family or friends. Our party format offers a more structured event where your guests will be entertained with an assortment of activities from start to finish.

Parties at the Pottery

We will be delighted to discuss a bespoke plan for your group's meeting but most of our parties follow a similar format, which allows your guests to create one small clay item from scratch (eg a fridge magnet) and paint a factory-made item. If you have chosen a theme for your party, these items can be, as far as possible, connected to that theme. You can choose in advance what your guests will make and paint – please note that if you have particular items in mind they can be sourced from our supplier if you can give us enough notice.

Parties usually cost £30 per person. This price includes one of our lowest priced factory made items for each guest to paint (usually everyone paints the same thing at our parties) but the price will rise if you choose something more expensive to paint. This will be discussed in advance and there will be no hidden costs! The fee we agree will cover the cost of all materials and firing in the kiln.

If you want to have a party at the pottery the best starting point is to come and have a planning meeting with us.

Contact us by phone or email to discuss your party or to arrange a planning visit.

Then we can start preparing for the party so it can be just as you would like it to be.

Our party format is usually:

- a simple craft activity (not clay) will be on the table when guests arrive so they can get on with crafting as soon as they sit down
- once everyone is settled and ready to start, the first activity will be for everyone to paint a factory made item
- about half way through the party we will take a short break. You are welcome to bring cake (and wine for adult parties!)
- after the break everyone will make a little something from clay. We will guide you through the process and provide all materials
- for anyone finishing their clay activities early, we will provide an additional (non clay, age appropriate) craft activity. Anyone who doesn't get time to do it can take it home with them.

This party format takes 90 minutes (or possibly 2 hours, especially if there's cake) and will suit most people from age 7 to 97. For younger children you will need to provide some extra adults to help so that the activities don't become frustrating.

If the party is for children, parents are welcome to stay and chat—we provide free tea and coffee for all visitors. The pottery has a small sitting room with two sofas (and a carpeted area where children can sit on the floor if the grown ups have taken all the sofa space!)

We can provide invitations to the party with all the details if you would find that helpful.



Assuming your guests have made things that will be safe in the kiln, we will dry, fire and glaze the creations which will be available to collect in three weeks time.