

***On the Surface: Contemporary Ceramics*, April 9, 2021-June 30, 2023**

Dip, brush, pour, scratch, paint—there are countless ways to adorn ceramics. Some techniques are studied and passed down for generations, while others are proprietary. Many formulas for glazes are hard-won secrets: measured, mixed, and tested over and over again to achieve a desired color or effect. From the mid-1900s to today, artists working in ceramics have continued to revise old methods and experiment with new ones, drawing inspiration from the world around them and pushing the boundaries of their medium. These cases present seven different techniques for decorating ceramics—slip, sgraffito, unadorned, decals, texture, glaze, and painting—and the variety of approaches that artists have taken to each.

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CHECKLIST OF THE EXHIBITION

Decals

Howard Kottler, American, 1930-1989
Twins, 1969
Porcelain with decals and glaze
2.5 x 26 x 26 cm (1 x 10 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches)
Georgianna Sayles Aldrich Fund 2020.56.2



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Léopold L. Foulem, Canadian, b. 1945
God Save the Queens, 1994-1997
 Ceramic with decals, glaze, and metal
 33 x 16 x 16 cm (13 x 6 5/16 x 6 5/16 inches)
 Georgianna Sayles Aldrich Fund 2020.55



Howard Kottler, American, 1930-1989
Incognito, 1969
 Porcelain with decals and glaze
 2.5 x 26 x 26 cm (1 x 10 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches)
 Georgianna Sayles Aldrich Fund 2020.56.1



Glaze

Toshiko Takaezu, American, 1922 - 2011
Tea Bowl, 1998
 Porcelain with glaze
 6.3 x 13.1 x 13.1 cm (2 1/2 x 5 3/16 x 5 3/16 inches)
 Gift of G. Daniel Massad 2015.81



Ron Nagle, American, b. 1939
Untitled (Cup), 1981
 Earthenware with paint and glaze
 12.4 x 11.8 x 11.2 cm (4 7/8 x 4 5/8 x 4 7/16 inches)
 Marken Scholes Shedd Memorial Fund 81.062



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Chris Gustin, American, b. 1952

Teapot, 1988

Stoneware with glaze

29 x 30.6 x 19.5 cm (11 7/16 x 12 1/16 x 7 11/16 inches)

Museum purchase with the aid of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Marken Scholes Shedd Memorial Fund 1989.002



Adrian Saxe, American, b. 1943

Black Pattypan Teapot, 1990

Porcelain with glaze

17 x 23.5 x 19.3 cm (6 11/16 x 9 1/4 x 7 5/8 inches)

Walter H. Kimball Fund 1990.128



Rain Harris, American, b. 1969, (RISD BFA 1997, Ceramics)

Green Three-Lobe Poison Bottle, 2002

Porcelain with glaze, pearl, and wire

21.3 x 24.8 x 22.6 cm (8 3/8 x 9 3/4 x 8 7/8 inches)

Daphne Farago Purchase Fund 2003.42



Brother Thomas Bezanson, American, b. Canada, 1929-2007

Plate, ca. 1980

Porcelain with glaze

Height: 4.1 cm (1 5/8 inches)

Gift of Frederick and Edith W. Bloom 2004.121.6



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Kate Blacklock, American, b. 1957, (RISD MFA 1987,
Sculpture/Ceramics; Adjunct RISD Faculty 2002-)
Vessel Form L, 2015
3-D printed ceramic with glaze
38.1 x 11.8 x 11.5 cm (15 x 4 5/8 x 4 1/2 inches)
Museum purchase: gift of Joseph A. Chazan, MD 2016.15



Betty Woodman, American, 1930 - 2018
Mussel Server, 1981
Glazed stoneware
14 x 88.9 x 26.7 cm (5 1/2 x 35 x 10 1/2 inches)
Marken Scholes Shedd Memorial Fund 81.063



Brother Thomas Bezanson, American, b. Canada, 1929-2007
Jar with Lid, 1981
Porcelain with glaze
23.5 x 16.1 x 16.1 cm (9 1/4 x 6 5/16 x 6 5/16 inches)
Gift of Frederick and Edith W. Bloom 2004.121.4



Painting

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Betty Woodman, American, 1930 - 2018
 Sevres Porcelain Manufactory, 1740-
Saint- Saëns Cup and Saucer, 1986
 Porcelain with glaze and gilding
 5.9 x 10.4 x 8.7 cm (2 5/16 x 4 1/8 x 3 7/16 inches) cup
 Helen M. Danforth Acquisition Fund 2009.46



Holly Hughes, American, b. 1951, (RISD Faculty, Painting)
Six Degrees of Separation, 2014
 Earthenware with glaze and enamel decoration
 4.5 x 32 x 32 cm (1 3/4 x 12 5/8 x 12 5/8 inches)
 Helen M. Danforth Acquisition Fund 2015.45



Lidya Buzio, American, b. Uruguay, 1948 - 2014
Roofscape vessel, 1991
 Earthenware with painting and burnished wax
 Height: 40.6 cm (16 inches)
 Nancy Sayles Day Collection of Modern Latin American Art 1991.187



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Eunjung Park, Korean, b. 1971, (RISD MFA 1999, Ceramics)
Flower Teapot, 1999
Porcelain with glaze
29.6 x 22.2 x 12.9 cm (11 5/8 x 8 3/4 x 5 1/16 inches)
Gift of Thomas S. Michie in honor of Mary Hilliard Jackson 2000.45



Hylton Nel, Zambian, b. 1941
Dish, 1999
Earthenware with glaze and enamel decoration
5.1 x 22.4 x 22.1 cm (2 x 8 13/16 x 8 11/16 inches)
Gift of Cindy and Scott Burns 1999.41.1



Menêz, Portuguese, 1926-1995
Ceramica de Bicesse, 1988-present
Tile, ca. 1995
Earthenware with enamel decoration and glaze
0.6 x 14 x 14 cm (5/16 x 5 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches)
Gift of Galeria Ratton Ceramicas 1996.7.2



Anne Kraus, American, 1957 - 2003
Distant Echo Coffee Pot, 1988
Whiteware with hand-painted underglaze decoration
32.2 x 25.3 x 11 cm (12 11/16 x 9 15/16 x 4 5/16 inches)
Museum purchase with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts 1989.015



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Susan Thayer, American, b.1957, (RISD BFA 1982, Ceramics)

Guarding Eden with Butterflies #2, 1995

Porcelain with enamels and glaze

23 x 30.6 x 9.5 cm (9 1/16 x 12 1/16 x 3 3/4 inches)

Gift of Daphne and Peter Farago 1995.057.2



Kurt Weiser, American, b. 1950

Untitled Teapot, 1992

Porcelain with enamels and glaze

29.6 x 36 x 12 cm (11 5/8 x 14 3/16 x 4 3/4 inches)

Marken Scholes Shedd Memorial Fund 1992.046



Kathryn Sharbaugh, American, b. 1948

Suspension Climb Teapot, 1988

Porcelain with underglaze decoration

27.4 x 16.3 x 15.5 cm (10 13/16 x 6 7/16 x 6 1/8 inches)

Museum purchase with the aid of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Marken Scholes Shedd Memorial Fund 1988.068



Phillip Maberry, American, b. 1951

Bowl, 1981

Porcelain with glaze

16.5 cm (6 1/2 inches) (height)

Edgar J. Lownes Fund, Marken Scholes Shedd Fund and the Georgianna Sayles Aldrich Fund 83.025



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Farraday Newsome, American, b. 1955
Teapot with Oranges, 1997
Terracotta with glaze
24.5 x 35 x 23 cm (9 5/8 x 13 3/4 x 9 1/16 inches)
Daphne and Peter Farago Fund 1997.63



Sgraffito

Pablo Picasso, Spanish, 1881-1973
Madoura Pottery, French, 1938-2007
Bowl, ca. 1960
Earthenware with slip, glaze, and sgraffito decoration
14.4 x 26 x 26 cm (5 11/16 x 10 1/4 x 10 1/4 inches)
Gift of Jean Fain in memory of her mother, Paula Segal 1998.11



Wayne Bates, American, b.1943
Brushstroke platter, ca. 1985
Earthenware with slip, glaze, and sgraffito decoration
3.8 cm (1 1/2 inches) (height) Overall
Gift of Larry Day and Ruth Fine in honor of William and Catherine Daley 2002.82.1



Matthew Metz, American, b. 1961
Bowl, ca. 1999
Porcelain with slip, glaze, and sgraffito decoration
9.5 x 14.7 x 13.7 cm (3 3/4 x 5 13/16 x 5 3/8 inches)
Gift of Christopher Monkhouse in memory of Mary Hilliard Jackson
1999.43



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Edwin Scheier, American, 1910-2008

Mary Scheier, American, 1908-2007

Bowl, ca. 1950

Earthenware with slip, glaze, and sgraffito decoration

10.8 x 20 x 20 cm (4 1/4 x 7 7/8 x 7 7/8 inches)

Gift of Daphne Farago 84.243



Slip Decoration

Frans Rudolf Wildenhain, American, 1905-1980

Chalice-Form Vase, ca. 1960

Stoneware with slip and glaze

28.6 cm (11 3/16 inches) (height)

Gift of John A.Prip 2004.102.2



Warren MacKenzie, American, 1924 - 2018

Plate, ca. 1980

Stoneware with slip and glaze

3.5 cm (1 3/8 inches) (height)

Gift of the d'Estang Collection 1998.60.2



Randy Johnston, American, b. 1950

Plate, ca. 2009

Stoneware with slip

Height: 4.4 cm (1 3/4 inches)

Gift of Nancy d'Estang 2015.47.6



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Vivika Heino, American, 1910 - 1995, RISD Faculty, Ceramics 1963-1965

Otto Heino, American, 1915 - 2009, RISD Faculty, Ceramics 1963-1965
Bowl, ca. 1980

Porcelain with slip

11 x 16.2 x 16.2 cm (4 5/16 x 6 3/8 x 6 3/8 inches)

Gift of the Stokes Family 2002.60



Texture

Diane Mayo, American, b. 1948

Niche Bottle, 1991

Raku-fired earthenware with glaze

30 x 12 x 12 cm (11 13/16 x 4 3/4 x 4 3/4 inches)

Gift of Vered Gallery 1991.172



Gertrud Natzler, American, 1908-1971

Otto Natzler, American, 1908-2007

Vase, 1957

Stoneware with glaze

19.7 x 10.1 x 10.1 cm (7 3/4 x 4 x 4 inches)

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Small, Jr. 1999.71.1



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Steven Branfman, American, b. 1953, (RISD MAT 1975, Art Education)

Vessel, 1994

Raku-fired earthenware with glaze

Height: 47 cm (18 1/2 inches)

Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Chazan 2000.69



Randy Johnston

American, b. 1950

Plate, ca. 2010

Stoneware with glaze

3.5 x 24.7 x 24.5 cm (1 3/8 x 9 3/4 x 9 5/8 inches)

Gift of Nancy d'Estang 2015.47.4



Makoto Yabe, Japanese, 1947 - 2005

Tea Bowl, 2003

Stoneware with slip and glaze

8.4 x 13.5 x 13 cm (3 5/16 x 5 5/16 x 5 1/8 inches)

Gift of Bernie and Sue Pucker in honor of Fred and Edith Bloom
2004.17.1



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William Parry, American, 1918-2004

Decanter, ca. 1960

Stoneware with glaze

24.3 x 9.3 x 9.3 cm (9 9/16 x 3 11/16 x 3 11/16 inches)

Gift of Larry Day and Ruth Fine in honor of William and Catherine Daley 2002.82.14



Gertrud Natzler, American, 1908-1971

Otto Natzler, American, 1908-2007

Bottle, 1968

Stoneware with glaze

21 x 18.1 x 17.9 cm (8 1/4 x 7 1/8 x 7 1/16 inches)

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Small, Jr. 1999.71.3



Gertrud Natzler, American, 1908-1971

Otto Natzler, American, 1908-2007

Bowl, 1965

Stoneware with glaze

9.1 x 11.7 x 11.7 cm (3 9/16 x 4 5/8 x 4 5/8 inches)

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Small, Jr. 1999.71.2



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Randy Johnston, American, b. 1950
Stacked Box, 1998
Stoneware with slip
17.6 x 22.2 x 11.6 cm (6 15/16 x 8 3/4 x 4 9/16 inches)
Gift of the d'Estang Collection 1998.60.13



Makoto Yabe, Japanese, 1947 - 2005
Vase, 2003
Stoneware with slip and glaze
16.5 x 10.6 x 10.4 cm (6 1/2 x 4 3/16 x 4 1/8 inches)
Gift of Bernie and Sue Pucker in honor of Mort Grossman 2004.17.2



Unadorned

James Makins, American, b. 1946
Compote, 1981
Porcelain with slip and glaze
12.7 x 13.3 x 13.3 cm (5 x 5 1/4 x 5 1/4 inches)
Edgar J. Lownes Fund 81.061.4



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Xu Daming, Chinese, 1952 - 2016

Anticipation Teapot, 1991

Stoneware

19.5 x 14.8 x 10.4 cm (7 11/16 x 5 13/16 x 4 1/8 inches)

Georgianna Sayles Aldrich Fund 1993.005



Ruth Duckworth, American, 1919 - 2009

Untitled (Cup and Blade), 1988

Porcelain

18.5 x 8.5 x 7.3 cm (7 5/16 x 3 3/8 x 2 7/8 inches)

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Fain 1993.127



Warren MacKenzie, American, 1924 - 2018

Teapot, late 1960s

Stoneware

21 x 21 x 16.1 cm (8 1/4 x 8 1/4 x 6 5/16 inches)

Gift of the d'Estang Collection 1998.60.4



Jody Folwell, Kha'p'oo Owinge (Santa Clara Pueblo), b. 1942

Juanita Fragua, Jemez Pueblo, b. 1935

Pot, 1989

Ceramic

17.4 x 25.5 x 25.5 cm (6 7/8 x 10 1/16 x 10 1/16 inches)

Gift from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Fain 2001.80.35



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Rudolf Harry Staffel, American, 1911 - 2002

Light Gatherer, ca. 1970-1980

Porcelain

8.3 x 8.4 x 7.6 cm (3 1/4 x 3 5/16 x 3 inches)

Gift of Larry Day and Ruth Fine in honor of William and Catherine Daley 2002.82.16



Rudolf Harry Staffel, American, 1911 - 2002

Light Gatherer, ca. 1970-1980

Porcelain

19.1 x 14.7 x 13.6 cm (7 1/2 x 5 13/16 x 5 3/8 inches)

Gift of Larry Day and Ruth Fine in honor of William and Catherine Daley 2002.82.21



James Makins, American, b. 1946

Dinner Plate, 1981

Porcelain with slip

3.7 cm (1 7/16 inches) (depth)

Edgar J. Lownes Fund 81.061.1

