



Heart Box

Supplies Needed:

- Dry greenware poured in Natural White slip
- Red porcelain slip
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- Cleaning brushes-TIBS are recommended
- Lace Drape Tool
- Scalpel
- Silk sponge
- 1 Yards of 1/2" wide lace
- 10 silk rose buds and one open silk rose
- Two bowls (One for your hands and one for the porcelain)
- Sharp scissors
- Two terry bath sized towels
- Parting compound
- Pencil
- Tweezers

Step 1:

Begin by cleaning the piece with the scalpel, silk sponge and cleaning brushes

Step 2:

Use the red slip. With a 4585 5/0 liner or any liner of your choice, dip the brush into water and then the slip and paint all detail areas on the box two to three times depending on how heavily each layer goes on.

Step 3:

Pour the entire pint of colored porcelain into one of the bowls. Thin with a little water so that it flows nicely off your fingers and isn't really sticky. Don't thin too much.

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Using a pencil draw a small heart in the center of the box top approximately 1 1/2" tall. Draw on paper and trace if necessary.

Step 4:

Cut your yard of lace into two pieces. Dip on piece into the red slip and clear by pressing in the palm of your hand. Follow the pencil line and pleat in one half of the heart. Repeat with the other half on the other side of the heart.

Step 5:

Switch to white slip. Dip each of the buds one at a time. Shake the porcelain off, and re-dip a second time. Shake again and place in around the bottom of the lace, leaving space in the middle for the large rose. Switch back to the red slip and repeat the dipping process. Place in the center of the buds.

Step 6:

Paint the bottom of the box along it's edge with one to two coats of Parting Compound. Allow to dry before placing the top on the box. Fire to cone 6.

Step 7:

Spray with two coats of clear glaze and refire to cone 05.