

Talking Clay Field Trip with Chanakarn "Punch" Semachai Resources for August 23, 2022

- Punch's studio is fairly small, roughly around 100 square feet—she took over a guest bedroom!
- Punch uses a white stoneware, with grog for sculptures, and without grog for functional work. She sometimes uses porcelain for mugs/plates. She gets all of her clay from Standard Ceramics, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Punch bisque fires to cone 08.
- She glazes to cone 04 for sculptures and cone 6 for functional work.
- Punch uses Amaco Velvet underglazes. For stains, she uses Thai brand sometimes to mix in liner glazes/colored clay.
- Punch uses commercial glazes.
- She uses Amaco underglaze pencils: https://www.amaco.com/products/underglaze-pencils
- She uses gold luster by Duncan, Premium Gold: https://duncanpaintstore.com/og805-premium-liquid-bright-gold-2gr
- Punch coil builds about 90% of her work and slab builds about 10%.
- Her favorite tools are her banding wheel, scoring tool, X-Acto knife, sponge, and spray bottle.
- She uses a piece of wood on her tabletop to roll her coils. On her banding wheel, she uses Slabmat (https://slabmat.com) to keep the cup from sticking to the banding wheel.
- Punch does not have an apprentice or studio assistant.
- You can find Punch online at the following places:
 - 1. www.numpucsh.com
 - 2. facebook.com/numpucsh
 - 3. Instagram: @numpucsh @numpucsh ceramics
- Mentor and friend Didem Mert's website: https://www.didemmert.com

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