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"At the moment we see something beautiful, we undergo a radical decentring... we cease to stand at the center of our own world. We willingly cede our ground to the thing that stands before us."

~Elaine Scarry

Using a well-crafted, handmade cup elicits the same simple joy that you might experience upon waking early to watch the sun rise, or taking a moment to smell the spring blossoms of a crabapple tree. These experiences awake our alertness, calling our attention to the intricacies, inconsistencies, and flickering instances of humble beauty that fill our world.

My pots draw inspiration from my surroundings: the landscape of the Rocky Mountains, the delicate patterning of plants in my garden, and the dynamics of changing seasons. I translate these phenomena into forms and surfaces that reference traditional tea ware. These objects will someday immerse themselves into their own ceremonies and daily rituals - preparing a cup of coffee, conversing with a friend over tea - while celebrating the nuance and beauty of these customs.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	Original Format
Figure 1:	Green Teapot on Shelf	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze, wood, bronze: 12.5 in. x 10.5 in. x 10 in.
Figure 2:	Green Teapot Shelf (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze, wood, bronze: 12.5 in. x 10.5 in. x 10 in.
Figure 3:	Blue Teapot on Shelf	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze, wood, copper; 12 in. x 12.5 in. x 12 in.
Figure 4:	Blue Teapot Shelf (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze, wood, copper; 12 in. x 12.5 in. x 12 in.
Figure 5:	Blossom Platter and Plates	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, 04 glaze; Platter: 16 in. x 12 in. x5 in. Plates: 10 in. x 10 in. x 2 in.
Figure 6:	Plates (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; Plates: 10 in. x 10 in. x 2 in.
Figure 7:	Mandala Tea Set	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 15 in. x 11.5 in. x6 in.
Figure 8:	Mandala Tea Set (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; Teapot: 6 in. x5 in. x6 in. Cup: 2.75 in. x 2.75 in. x 1.75 in.
Figure 9:	Coffee for Two (tray detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 11.5 in. x 7 in. x 3.5 in.
Figure 10:	Golden Tea Set	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; 14 in. x 11.5 in. x7.5 in.
Figure 11:	Golden Tea Set (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; Teapot: 6 in. x 5 in. x 7.5 in. Cup: 3 in. x 3 in. x 2.5 in.
Figure 12:	Coffee for Two	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze:11.5 in. x7 in. x4.5 in.
Figure 13:	Coffee for Two (side detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 11.5 in. x7 in. x4.5 in. Cup: 5 in. x3.75 in. x3.5 in.
Figure 14:	Spring Vase	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 5.75 in. x 4.25 in x 7 in.
Figure 15:	Spring Vase (detail)	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 5.75 in. x 4.25 in x 7 in.
Figure 16:	Mugs	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; Left: 5 in. x 4 in. x 3.25 in. Right: 5 in. x 4 in. x 3 in.
Figure 17:	Flower Mugs	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; Left: 5 in. x 4 in. x 3.5 in. Right: 5 in. x 4 in. x 3.25 in.
Figure 18:	Flower Tea Bowls	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; 3.75 in. x 3.75 in. x 2.75 in.
Figure 19:	Short Tea Bowl	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; 3.5 in. x 3.5 in. x 2 in.
Figure 20:	Round Tea Bowl	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; 4 in. x 4 in. x 2.5 in.
Figure 21:	Tea Bowls	Pottery	Terra cotta, cone 04 glaze; 3.5 in. x 3.5 in. x 3 in.
Figure 22:	Small Tea Bowls	Pottery	Terra cotta, slip, cone 04 glaze; 3 in. x 3 in. x 2 in.



Figure 1: Green Teapot on Shelf.



Figure 2: Green Teapot Shelf (detail).



Figure 3: Blue Teapot on Shelf.



Figure 4: Blue Teapot Shelf (detail).



Figure 5: Blossom Platter and Plates.



Figure 6: Plates (detail).



Figure 7: Mandala Tea Set.



Figure 8: Mandala Tea Set (detail).



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Figure 10: Golden Tea Set.



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Figure 14: Spring Vase.



Figure 15: Spring Vase (detail).



Figure 16: Mugs.



Figure 17: Flower Mugs.



Figure 18: Flower Tea Bowls.



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Figure 20: Round Tea Bowl.



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Figure 22: Small Tea Bowls.