

# James Hake

James makes a range of ceramic stoneware, thrown at the potter's wheel. He also produces slab rolled work including wall hangings and square dishes.

James studied 3-Dimensional Design at Manchester Metropolitan University specialising in ceramics. Following graduation he attended Craft Council's Pottery Skills Course in Republic Ireland where he trained for two years. On his return to the Lake District in 2005 he established 'James Hake Ceramics' and now supplies work to both local and national galleries, as well as undertaking commissions.

"Taking inspiration from Oriental ceramics, I have developed a palette of my own glazes. These range from subtle Shinos, to rich, dark Tenmokus and Copper Reds. Glazes are applied quickly by dipping and pouring in different combinations, which fuse together in the heat of the kiln. I am always adapting and experimenting with glaze, searching for different colours and textures to complement ceramic form. Currently I am investigating using local materials from quarries, clay seams and wood ashes in my glazes."



# Biography

## Trained

- 2005 – Present      Established James Hake Ceramics in Holme, Cumbria, producing Stoneware ceramics.
- 2002 – 2004        Crafts Council of Ireland. Pottery Skills Course. Kilkenny, Republic of Ireland.
- 1999 – 2002        BA (Hons) 3D Design. Manchester Metropolitan University.

## Selected Stockists

- 2009/10            Blackwell Arts and Crafts House - *Cumbria*.  
Fifieforum Fine Art Gallery - *Northumberland*.  
Imagine Gallery - *Suffolk*.  
The Leach Gallery – *Cornwall*.  
The Platform Gallery - *Lancashire*.  
The Stour Gallery - *Warwickshire*.  
The Round House Gallery - *Derbyshire*.

## Selected Shows

- 2010                Ceramic Art London.  
The Contemporary Craft Fair Bovey Tracey  
Rufford - Earth and Fire.  
Potfest in the Park.  
Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair  
Oxford Ceramics Fair.  
Ceramics in the City.

## Grants and Awards

- 2009                Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair – Best Stand Award.
- 2008/9            Arts Council of England Award towards the construction of a large gas fired kiln.

## Associations and Memberships

2007 Unfold Design Collective.  
2006 Professional Member Craft Potters Association.  
2005 Northern Potters Association.

## Teaching

2010 Winter Ceramics Courses – The Brewery Arts  
Centre, Kendal.  
2008 Visiting lecturer - Cumbria Institute of Arts.  
2006 Visiting lecturer - Manchester Metropolitan University.

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