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   * Fettling knife: Hold close to the tip of the blade for best control
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   * Toothed rib
   * Sgraffito tool
   * Board covered in plastic
   * Plastic bag
   * Slip container
2. Smooth out both sides of your slab with the rib. Draw the shape of your base. Cut it out. Place flat and in the middle of your board. Never take your vessel off the board. We want the base to be nice and flat.
3. Begin building the walls of your coil vessel
   * Scratch and slip every coil
   * Smooth base up into first coil so there is no seam. (helps attach first coil)
   * Smooth inside of coil vessel as you build walls to strengthen and ensure it’ll hold water (if necessary)
   * If you have spaces in between coils or pebbles and want to cover them, make a small plug and scratch and slip on the inside so we don’t see it on the outside
4. At the end of each class, make sure to completely wrap your coil vessel so no air gets to it. Use more than one bag and you can put a bag inside your vessel so air doesn’t dry it out on the inside.
5. Over a weekend or longer period of time, spray the bag. Be careful not to introduce too much water because it will weaken the vessel.
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