

PENLAND GALLERY

JUSTIN ROTHSHANK

Goshen, IN

CLAY | Functional pottery

Penland Affiliation | Penland Instructor 2014, 2016, 2023

Artist Information | Studio artist; education: BA Goshen College (IN); exhibitions: Krasl Art Center (MI), San Angelo Museum of Fine Art (TX), Clay AKAR (IA), Frick Museum (PA), Companion Gallery (TN)

Artist Statement | *I have a passion and belief in the work of art to transform communities and seed social change. I use my ceramic ware to deliver social, political, and religious commentary into the world around me. I am also intrigued by the technical challenge of designing and using graphically compelling images, throwing technically sound pots, and meshing the two at high temperatures.*

Technical Information | Rothshank stands at a potter's wheel to make his earthenware pottery. After each piece is glaze-fired in an electric kiln, it is decorated with custom made decals that the artist prints in his own studio. The decals are applied using a water slide technique and then re-fired to become permanently affixed to the pottery. Color decals are then applied and a final firing finishes each piece.

The pieces that contain hand painted metallic lusters or luster decals are entirely safe to use but cannot be put into a microwave. Justin recommends hand washing or occasional dishwasher cleaning, but not frequent dishwasher use.