

Criteria, Standards, Guidelines for POTTERY

Labels

One Wesleyan Potters barcode label per pot. DO NOT place new tags over old price tags. The price tag is to be placed on the outside lower edge unless it is a large platter to hang on a wall.

General rules and guidelines

1. **Bottoms** or feet should be smooth so as not to scratch any surface on which they are placed.
2. **Rims** must be free of burrs and sharp edges. All rims should relate to the function of the pot. Casserole rims need to be sturdy enough to withstand repeated use.
3. **Handles** should be comfortable, have no sharp edges, and be joined to the pot without cracks.
4. **Covers** should fit with minimal play. Covers should relate to the general form and function of the pot. Be extra careful with lids; they chip easily in transport.
5. **Surfaces** - The eating surfaces of pots should be checked thoroughly for roughness. For other surfaces, unless something is deliberately part of the design, they should be free of sharp edges, burrs, etc. Customers should not be at risk for cutting themselves on a pot.
6. **Seams** on vessels intended for liquid must be water tight. Please test for leakage before Inventory In.
7. **Cracks** NONE!! No "S" cracks in the bottom of a pot, and no cracks in seams or anywhere on the pot.
8. **Recycled Materials** may not be used on vessels intended for food or beverage use.
9. **Glue** may be used to adhere decorative pieces to a pot, but be sure the glue is NOT VISIBLE. If your piece has obvious assemblage, it will not be accepted into the show. **Repaired work - not acceptable. Pieces that show obvious signs of usage - not acceptable**
10. **Props** – Candles are allowed but dried or fresh flowers are not. If in doubt what is allowed, please call.
11. **Lamps** must be wired properly, using new wire and bulb sockets. Lamps must have bulbs and shades so that they may be lit when out on the floor. Lamp shades must fit properly and complement the lamp base in style, size, and color.
12. **Sets** - Only one set is allowed in your top ten pieces. Dinnerware sets are not to be in your top ten.

13. **Highly Breakable Pots** – Please do not submit delicate or fragile pieces that can easily broken or tipped over. The inventory in committee will reject any pot deemed too fragile.
14. **Glazes** need to be appropriate to the function of the pot. Please indicate on your pot “not food safe” or “not water tight” or any other special instructions. If you do not have labels for these special instructions, the Inventory In Committee stocks the most common labels and will apply them for you as long as you have clearly indicated on the pot what is needed.