

RAKU FIRING CHARGES

The Raku Firing Charges are based on two factors: 1) Getting work out in a timely way so they get smoked while they are hot. 2) How much shelf space a piece takes in the kiln during a firing while allowing some space for movement around each piece.

Regarding Timeliness: Generally one person can pull three pieces out within the time allowed. The optimal situation is where 4 people are pulling their 3 pieces from one quarter of the kiln space, which is a 10"x10" shelf. In other words, the whole kiln shelf space is 20"x20".

Regarding Shelf Space and your total cost: A participant can easily determine their cost in advance by using a 10"x10" piece of paper. Arrange your pieces on the square efficiently with no more than 3 pieces on a square. The pieces may touch but not go beyond the edges of the square. Large pieces that extend partially beyond the edges but are essentially equal in area to the 10"x10" space can count as one shelf. Of course, during the firing we will shift the pieces so they are not touching. Two of those 10"x10" squares is covered by the minimum. Additional squares are \$20 each.

When participants arrive an inventory will be made to access if anyone needs to pay for additional shelves.

Sharing one Minimum: Two people that want to share one minimum pay \$75 for that option. This entitles them to work covering the two shelves as stated above. If their combined work goes beyond the two shelves they then return to the \$50 minimum each.

Regarding tiles: Individual tiles, in general, should not be larger than 10"x10". Tiles can be handled and counted as an individual piece and will be placed on a post, or 3 posts, during the firing. A group of small tiles can be placed on a larger tile and counted as one piece. The larger tile is pulled and smoked as one piece. I have 10"x10" tiles that can be used for a group of tiles if needed.

If I have left any questions unanswered, please email or call me.