

Melville Mudroom artisanal tableware



Nestled on the edge of the Melville Koppies in Johannesburg, our one-of-a-kind ceramic studio is owned and operated by sisters Kate and Nina Shand.

We create functional art for the table, celebrating the raw beauty and unique spirit of our city. Each piece is a tactile, handcrafted object designed to enrich the everyday dining experience.



Our story

Melville Mudroom is the shared vision of sisters Kate and Nina Shand, whose lives have been deeply shaped by clay.

Nina brings decades of experience from her wood-firing studio, Millstone Pottery, McGregor, where she created functional and sculptural ceramics. She has facilitated numerous workshops and exhibited her hand-built, slabbed forms both locally and overseas.

Kate is an art therapist who channels her passion for clay's healing properties into her work. She manages the business and marketing for the Mudroom, in addition to teaching pottery classes with Nina, lecturing part-time at the University of Johannesburg, and maintaining her own ceramic art practice.

Our process: The slab technique

Every plate, bowl, and beaker begins as a carefully rolled slab of clay. The wooden moulds used to shape our vessels are hand-turned by our uncle, the artist and woodworker Frikkie Potgieter. Using these moulds, the Mudroom team creates functional forms that are consistent in size and shape, making them ideal for daily use. With over 30 years of mastery in handbuilding, Nina ensures that while each piece is part of a set, the subtle variations and slight impressions left by the handmade process give it its own distinct character.



"We love the feel of a well-made plate. Our hope is that you enjoy the daily ritual of using something made entirely by hand, just for you."



Our signature glaze collection: The colours of Johannesburg

Our glazes are inspired by our local landscape, capturing the light, texture, and energy of the Highveld. Each piece is finished in one of our unique, signature colours:

Highveld Storm

A deep, moody blue that captures the intensity of the Highveld sky before a summer thunderstorm.



Joburg Light

A warm, radiant cream that glows with the hazy, golden light of a Johannesburg afternoon.



City of Gold

A rich amber glaze with a subtle shimmer, echoing the city's famous, glittering skyline at dusk.



Melville Grasses

A dusky, muted green inspired by the dry, native grasses found on the Melville Koppies.



Wild Sage

A dusty, mineral blue-green, reminiscent of wild sage leaves touched by the afternoon rain.



Our shop

Our tableware is available for purchase in two ways:

Online Shop: Browse and buy our current collection at your convenience through our online shop.

Studio Gallery: Visit us by appointment at our teaching studio in Johannesburg. Our gallery features our full tableware collection alongside other ceramic pieces. Please phone or WhatsApp us to schedule a visit.

The collection and pricing:

We produce our tableware in small, curated batches, ensuring uniqueness and quality. We also welcome enquiries for bespoke commissions for private clients and restaurants.

- Large Plate (26.5cm) — R 400
- Small Plate (20cm) — R 300
- Bread Plate (13.5cm) — R 200
- Large Bowl (20cm) — R 350
- Small Bowl (16cm) — R 320
- Pasta bowl (20cm) — R400
- Sushi Plate (9cm x 11cm) — R 320
- Beaker (7cm x 8cm) — R 250
- Cup with handle (7cm x 8cm) — R 250
- Little Bowl (9cm) — R 100

For orders and enquiries

We invite you to build a unique table setting for your home, shop, or restaurant. Raku items are available. Contact Kate to discuss your order or to request an appointment.

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