10 tried & true raku glaze recipes



recipe cards for our favorite raku pottery glazes

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Good news for those of you who raku fire and are looking for some new glazes and slips to try out! We've gathered some of our favorite raku glaze recipes in a convenient recipe-card format, perfect for printing and taking to the pottery studio. If you are interested in building a collection of beautiful raku ceramic glazes, or adding variety to the ones you already have, you've found the perfect resource. We have a great assortment including several copper matts, a white crackle and even a shino! Maybe you already have a repertoire of glazes but want to mix it up a bit; try experimenting with a flashing slip or a terra sigillata for a variety of surfaces in the post-reduction firing. Or combine several of the slips and glazes to expand your surface possibilities even further!

And remember, as with all things ceramic: results may vary! Use the various images here as a guide to the surfaces you'll get, but be sure to always start out with small batches and have fun testing and tweaking! Now get out there and mix up some new pottery glazes!

10 TRIED & TRUE RAKU GLAZE RECIPES

| Red/Bronze Raku Glaze |
|-------------------------------------|
| Hasselle Copper Matt |
| Kansas State White Slip |
| White Opaque Gloss |
| Ferguson's White Crackle |
| Kelley's Low-Fire Shino |
| Alligator Matt White |
| Riggs Terra Sigillata |
| Peel-Away Slip |
| Conner Matt Raku/White Crackle Paku |





Red/Bronze Raku Glaze

(cone 05)

| Colemanite | 50.0 % |
|------------------|---------|
| Ferro Frit 3134 | 50.0 |
| | 100.0 % |
| Add: Tin Oxide | 5.1 % |
| Copper Carbonate | 5.6% |

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Hasselle Copper Matt

| Black Copper Oxide 8 | 0 % |
|----------------------|-----|
| Ball Clay2 | .0 |
| 10 | 0 % |
| Add: Bentonite | 3 % |

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Kansas State White Slip

(cone 9)

| Dolomite | . 10 % |
|-----------------|--------|
| Custer Feldspar | . 14 |
| Ball clay | . 29 |
| EPK Kaolin | . 38 |
| Silica (Flint) | 9 |
| | 100 % |

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White Opaque Gloss

base glaze an opaque, glossy white.

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Ferguson's White Crackle

| Gerstley Borate | 65 % |
|-------------------|-------|
| Nepheline Syenite | 20 |
| EPK Kaolin | 5 |
| Silica (Flint) | 10 |
| | 100 % |

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Kelley's Low-Fire Shino

| Lithium Carbonate | . 26 % |
|---------------------|--------|
| Nepheline Syenite | . 64 |
| EPK Kaolin | . 10 |
| | 100 % |
| Add: Light Rutile | .6.0 % |
| Manganese Carbonate | .0.5 % |

This is a semi-opaque glaze with an excellent crackle texture and tan to silvery color characteristics, depending on firing temp. Works well in combination with other glazes.

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Alligator Matt White (cone 05)

| Bone Ash | . 29 % |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gerstley Borate | . 57 |
| Nepheline Syenite | . 14 |
| | 100 % |

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Riggs Terra Sigillata

| Water | 3½ gal |
|-----------------|--------|
| Sodium Silicate | 1 tbsp |
| Soda Ash | 1 tbsp |
| XX Saggar Clay | 15 lbs |

Mix ingredients and allow to sit and separate into visual sections. Gently siphon out only the middle section for use.

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Peel-Away Slip

| Fireclay | . 60 % |
|----------------|--------|
| Kaolin | . 20 |
| Silica (Flint) | . 15 |
| Grog (fine) | 5 |
| | 100 % |

Mix the slip to the consistency of pudding.

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Copper Matt Raku

(cone 010-06)

| Bone Ash | 33 % |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Gerstley Borate | 67 |
| 1 | 00 % |
| Add: Copper Carbonate | . 8% |
| Cobalt Carbonate | . 2 % |

This glaze produces a range of colors, including lusters and opalescence, and is very receptive to post-fire reduction. Apply a thin coat of glaze then wipe off with a dry towel to achieve a matt, speckled surface. Use in combination with this white crackle glaze for a mottled effect.

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White Crackle Raku

(cone 010-06)

| Barium Carbonate | . 15% |
|-------------------|-------|
| Gerstley Borate | . 40 |
| Nepheline Syenite | . 35 |
| Silica (Flint) | . 10 |
| | 100 % |

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