

# Rules

***Everything you need to know to win the UncommonGoods Ceramics Design Challenge (aka the "Challenge"):***

## **1. Sponsors:**

The Challenge is sponsored by UncommonGoods LLC ("Company").

## **2. Eligibility:**

Any individual who enters the Challenge must be a U.S. resident and at least 18 years old. The Challenge is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, and is void where prohibited by law. Employees of Company and their immediate families (spouse, parent, sibling, child, and spouse of any of the foregoing) and those living in their immediate households, whether or not related, are not eligible to win the prize.

## **3. Entry Period:**

The entry period for the Competition begins at 9 a.m. EDT on September 19, 2011, and ends at 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 31, 2011 ("Entry Period"). Entries received before or after the Entry Period will not be considered unless an early entry is resubmitted during the Entry Period.

## **4. Competition Details:**

You can submit your designs for any ceramic piece including pottery or porcelain. Each design must be an original work and cannot include any copyrighted elements (no logos, slogans, or art in use). You may submit up to 5 unique designs that are part of a single collection OR up to 5 images for one design.

UncommonGoods will select a number of entries to move to the semifinal round. During this time, tentatively November 2, 2011 through November 9, the online community may vote for their favorite entries and leave comments. UncommonGoods will look at the number of positive votes. UncommonGoods will not take negative comments or votes into account.

At the end of voting, UncommonGoods will select the top vote-getting entries to be presented to a panel of judges. Judges will select one Grand Prize Winner. UncommonGoods reserves the right to extend the offer of a vendor contract to other entrants.

***Judging criteria will include: skill, craft, and unique design. Special consideration will be given to designs we haven't seen anywhere else.***

## 5. How to Enter

- a. Fill out that form. Let us know who you are, the story behind your work, and why your ceramics or pottery are uncommon enough for UncommonGoods.
- b. Up to 5 files in .jpg or .png format at 1200 \* 1200 pixels, 72dpi file of less than 2mb. If we don't get that image from you, we can't consider your work.
- c. We might ask you for samples. If we contact you, be prepared to ship us a sample of your work. We will do our best to return samples, provided you include a call tag, UPS account number or include a S.A.S.E. We are not responsible for any damages that occur during shipping to or from UncommonGoods.
- d. Your word. UncommonGoods is looking for unique and sustainably made work. You must state and be able to prove that your designs belong to you, 100%. We want to know how your work is made and where. *We will not accept work made with harmful ingredients, including but not limited to, cadmium and lead.*

All images submitted as part of the entries may be used by Company for marketing and other promotional purposes. Entries must be submitted during the Entry Period to be considered. Entrants must agree to these Official Rules and Company's terms of use and Code of Conduct.

## 6. Ownership Rights in Submissions; Originality; License to Company:

*We need to know that your designs and work belong to you, and you alone.*

You must have all ownership rights in and to your design and work. By submitting an entry you represent and warrant that any design elements, text and images contained therein are your original work and that no other person or entity, including any third party designer, has any ownership interest in the design or is entitled to any payment for the use of the design, image or text. Company reserves the right to void and/or disqualify any submission if found in Company's sole discretion to be inconsistent with these representations and warranties, plagiarized, copied, or fraudulent; to infringe upon existing rights of others; or to be incomplete, damaged, obscene, vulgar, offensive or otherwise unsuitable. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims or damages arising out of the use of any design or other materials you submit.

By submitting an entry, you grant to Company and assign an unlimited, worldwide license to publish, display, use, edit, copy, disseminate, post, or otherwise use all or any portion of your entry materials online, in print, film, television, or in any other media for editorial, advertising, promotional, and other purposes without compensation or notification of any kind to you, except as prohibited by law, during the time frame of the challenge.

## **7. Winner Selection**

One Grand Prize Winner will be selected by the judges with input from online voters. The decisions in selecting the winner and in all matters relating to the Challenge are final and binding. The Grand Prize-winning entry will be announced on UncommonGoods.com, and the winner will be notified by email and/or phone, by November 30, 2011.

## **8. Prize**

The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$500, and the opportunity to sign a vendor contract with UncommonGoods. Want to learn more about our vendor contracts? Check the FAQ. If the Grand Prize winner chooses not to accept the prize, an alternate Grand Prize winner will be chosen. UncommonGoods reserves the right to offer a vendor contract to other entrants in addition to the Grand Prize Winner.

## **9. Right to Use Name, Likeness, and Other Identifying Information:**

*When you submit an entry, you understand that UncommonGoods may use your name, likeness, city and state, biographical information, entry materials, and written or oral statements, to promote the contest.*

Entrants shall have no right of approval, no claim to compensation, and no claim (including, without limitation, claims based on invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity) arising out of any use, blurring, alteration, or use in composite form of their name, likeness, city and state, biographical information, or entry. The rights granted under this paragraph are without compensation or notification to the entrant of any kind, except as required by law, and shall extend to all entries and all other submitted materials related to the Challenge, including those submitted by non-winners and the winner.

## **10. General Conditions:**

*You agree to follow the rules. If you don't, you will be disqualified. Don't make us do that! Also, \*knock on wood\*, if there are any computer glitches, we may not judge your entry. Let's hope it doesn't come to that!*

By participating in the Challenge, entrants agree to abide by the terms of these Official Rules and by the decisions of the Company and the judges, which will be final and binding on all matters pertaining to this Challenge. Company and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") shall have no responsibility for any injury, losses, or damages of any kind resulting from participation in this Challenge or acceptance and use of the prize.

If for any reason the Challenge is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of UncommonGoods, which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Challenge, UncommonGoods reserves the right in their sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Challenge, and/or to judge entries from among all eligible, nonsuspect entries received prior to such action.

UncommonGoods assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft, or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries. UncommonGoods is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer online systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by UncommonGoods on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any Web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this Competition.

## **11. Privacy**

*During the challenge, you must agree that UncommonGoods may promote and share your contest entry during the duration of the challenge. UncommonGoods will continue to respect your work and intellectual property after the Challenge period ends. Learn more about working with UncommonGoods as a vendor artist from the [artists themselves](#), and more about our vendor contracts on our FAQ.*

By entering this Challenge, entrants agree and consent that any information provided upon entering may be used by Company in accordance with their respective Privacy Policies located at <http://www.uncommongoods.com/static/faqsPrivacy.jsp>. If you do not want your information used in this manner, do not enter this Challenge.

## **12. Termination**

*We hope you follow the rules of the Uncommon Ceramics Design Challenge. But if you don't, we reserve the right to disqualify your entry or cancel the contest.*

Company reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, suspend or terminate the Challenge for any reason whatsoever including but not limited to viruses, bugs or other causes beyond the control of the Company which may corrupt the administration or security of the Challenge. In such event, the prize will be awarded by judging from among eligible entries received up to the date/time of corruption or modification, to the extent feasible. Company is not responsible for late, lost, incomplete, or misdirected entries; computer system, equipment or program malfunctions, or other errors; failures or delays in computer transmissions or network connections; damage to entrant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation; or for any other technical problems related to web site entries. Company is not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate entry information, whether caused by Internet users or by any of the equipment or programming associated

with or utilized in the Challenge, or by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of the entries in the Challenge.