Maried & 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!

15 TRIED & TRUE RAKU GLAZE RECIPES

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Red/Bronze Raku Glaze

Cone 05

Colemanite	0.0 %
Ferro Frit 3134	0.0
100	0.0 %
Add: Tin Oxide	5.1 %
Copper Carbonate	5.6 %

From Raku Firing: Advanced Techniques.

Note: Colemanite is no longer mined so you will need to test either Gerstley Borate or a boron frit as a substitute.



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Hasselle Copper Matt

Black Copper Oxide	80 %
Ball Clay	20
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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

Ferro Frit 3110 80 %
EPK Kaolin
100 %
Add: Bentonite 2 %
Blue Variation
Superpax
Mason stain 6306 Vivid Blue 10 %
Green Variation
Mason stain 6271 Mint Green 10 %
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Stains provide color to the base glaze and
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superpax is an opacifier that makes the clear base glaze an opaque, glossy white.

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Ferguson's White Crackle

Gerstley Borate	65 %
Tennessee Ball Clay	. 5
Nepheline Syenite	15
Tin Oxide	10
Silica (Flint)	. 5
;	100 %

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Kelley's Low-Fire Shino

Lithium Carbonate .2 Nepheline Syenite .6 EPK Kaolin .1 10 .1	4
Add: Light Rutile	

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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Left: Teabowl with Kelley's Low-Fire Shino, by Steven Branfman.



Alligator Matt White Cone 05

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

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Riggs Terra Sigillata

Water3½ gal
Sodium Silicate 1 tbsp
Soda Ash 1 tbsp
XX Saggar Clay

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

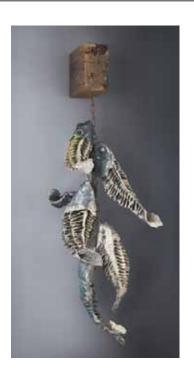
Fireclay	. 60 %
Kaolin	. 20
Silica (Flint)	. 15
Grog (fine)	5
	100 %

Mix the slip to the consistency of pudding and apply. The slip will crack and during postfiring reduction reveal a smoke pattern when peeled off.

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Copper Matt Raku

Cone 010-06

Bone Ash	
Gerstley Borate 67	
100 %	
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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Basic White Crackle glaze with brushes of Del Favero Luster. Additional color created with embedded glass.

Basic White Crackle

Cone 08

Gerstley Borate	. 65
Tennessee Ball Clay	. 5
Nepheline Syenite	. 15
Flint	. 5
Tin Oxide	. 10
	100 %

Del Favero Luster

Cone 08

Gerstley Borate	80 %	6
Cornwall Stone	20	
	100 %	6
Add: Copper Carb	2 %	6

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Rogers White with brushes of Del Favero Luster. Embedded glass.

Rogers White (clear)

Cone 08

Gerstley Borate	60 %
Spodumene	35
Tennessee Ball Clay	5
	100 %

Yellow

Cone 08

Gerstley Borate	80 %
Cornwall Stone	20
	100 %
Add: Vanadium Stain	6 %

The depth of yellow will vary depending on the stain that you use. Add up to 5% tin oxide for a more opaque quality.

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