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- Learn Wabi-Sabi Design principles and use them to guide your textural surface design
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 - examples of tile work by clay artists- textural surface design

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- Complete 1 'to scale' sketch of your favorite design option with a 10 x 10in format.

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