

# Nancy Dziki

I live in Brooklyn, CT and my studio looks out onto the banks of the Quinebaug River. I belong to Artist Open Studios and participate in the Open Studio Spring Tour.

My favorite thing to make lately is LARGE BOWLS, the kind that you can fill with salad and feed 30 people, because dinner is always so much more fun when you have lots of people and great conversation. I'm a fan of "Slow Food," a dish that you simmer, braise, or roast. Taking hours to mix the flavors and fill the house with an aroma is totally worth the effort because it nourishes the soul as well as the body.

When I make my pots, bowls, or vessels of any size, I am usually thinking about the size of the foot, what kind of collar or neckline, the shape of the hips. I feel that we each are vessels in our own way, being filled and emptied with each interaction. Fill up yourself with good things and try to put the cover on before dealing with anything negative. Remember that we each have our cracks, holes, and defects. Bring positive energy into each interaction you have. It will light up that person and shine on our whole world.

Ikebana vases are a simple and beautiful way to display flowers. They make arranging just 3 flowers so easy and artsy, even if you have no natural flower arranging talent. The three flowers represent Heaven, Man and Earth. Here's a few simple instructions to get you started: Cut 3 flowers at 3", 5" and 7." Jab them onto the pin frog in the bottom of the vase. They should each tilt slightly outward, making a triangle if you were to draw an imaginary line between the flower heads. You can even use branches or leaves instead of flowers. Play with it and see what you like!

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Ikebana vase