



CONCRETE TREES & WINTER DECOR!

Description: Decorative concrete trees, snowflakes, and more for indoor or outdoor use!

Materials: Concrete
Bucket
Water
Paint stirring stick or drill with mixing attachment
Molds (i.e. safety cones, bowls or platters in holiday shapes, cookie cutters, card stock, poster-board, etc.)
Duct tape
Cooking spray
Paint stirrer or ruler
Optional – Play sand in a box to balance items while pouring and drying

Safety Rating: Adult help required

Instructions:

1. Mix concrete according to instructions. Remember to add water sparingly – you can always add more!
2. Use duct tape to seal up the tips of safety cones.
3. Spray the inside of molds with cooking spray.
4. Turn cones onto their tips into a box filled with play sand for support.
5. Fill molds with concrete.
6. Tap all around the filled mold and/or use a vibrating sander to remove air bubbles in the concrete.

7. Use a paint stirrer or ruler to “screed” or smooth out the top.
8. Let dry overnight.
9. Remove from molds
10. Let cure for a week or two prior to painting, sealing, or decorating!

Tips:

- A. Try rolling cardstock or poster-board into a cone shape and tape well; this “tree” shaped mold can be stood on it’s tip in a box filled with play sand.
- B. Drip metallic or colored paint down the tips of trees
- C. Use E6000 or Gorilla Glue in a tube to glue glass beads to your tree or mold (the glue should dry clear).
- D. Use a “dry-brush” to lightly paint over designs to make them pop!

Sister Earth hopes you enjoyed making this craft!

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