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DECORATIVE CONCRETE POTS

These decorative concrete pots add a handmade touch to an outdoor entertaining area. With just a few materials, you can create one-of-a-kind, organic-shaped pots that are the perfect size for small plants or candles.

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YOU WILL NEED

MATERIALS

- Balloons
- Resene Concrete Clear
- Resene FX Metallic testpot in Resene Bullion
- Resene testpot in Resene Porsche (this is the recommend base coat colour for Resene FX Metallic Bullion)
- Quick-set concrete
- Water

TOOLS

- Bucket
- Clean cloth
- Cup or pot (to support your pot as it dries)
- Gloves
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Sieve
- Stirring stick



Step 1 Sift the concrete into the bucket to remove any stones.

Step 2 Stir slowly to combine the concrete and the water until it reaches a smooth, icing-like consistency. If too thick, add a little water; if too thin, add more concrete.

Step 3 Blow up a balloon to your desired size and balance it on a cup or pot with the tied end facing down. Using gloved hands, scoop and smooth the concrete over the top until about half of the balloon is coated. Allow to dry according to the instructions on the bag.



TOP TIP
Group a few pots together in different sizes to make a stylish display for an outdoor table, shelf or entertaining area.

Step 4 Once dry, snip the balloon's tied end with scissors and remove it from the planter. Dust off any residue.

Step 5 Apply a coat of Resene Porsche to the interior of the concrete and allow to dry.

Step 6 Apply a layer of Resene FX Metallic Bullion over the dried interior base colour and allow it to set.

Step 7 Add a coat of Resene Concrete Clear over the outside of the pot and allow to dry.

Step 8 Use your concrete pot as a decorative pot for small plants or fill it with stones or dried flowers to create an ornamental centrepiece. For a cozy touch, add some candles or fairy lights to your pot to create a warm, ambient glow.

HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA

Use Resene ConcreteWash for a soft, natural finish that allows the concrete's texture to shine through. Spray for an even look or brush on in a criss-cross motion for a fresco-like effect. Try Resene Stonewash or Resene Greigewash for a subtle, nature-inspired effect.



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