

# Regular Monthly Meeting

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and  
Making Cement Stones for Your Garden

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## Concrete Designs

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### Choosing your Concrete Mix:

At your local hardware check to make sure you get a Quickcrete/Sakcrete type of bag goods, that is a NON aggregate (no stones) mix of Multi-Purpose Grout or Mortar Mix. Comes in pre-mixed and non-mixed. Check set times. It can be as short as 15 minutes work time or more. Plus, check for full drying or strengthening time. Mix to slightly thicker than a pancake batter. Water into concrete.

Be all set up before you mix your concrete.

### Step One:

Form – Using grocery bags, Styrofoam balls (whole or halved) make your shape and size. Cover with sheets of crumpled aluminum foil.

### Step Two:

Eyes - Get decorative clear glass vase filler stones. They come in many sizes so choose for your project. You can use paint or check your nail polish colors too. (Store colors) Working on the back (flat) backwards from the black dot pupil, color iris, to a full covering in white. Let dry completely between colors.

Place eyes where you want them and glue down to shape. Mix a small amount of concrete to form around eyes to

secure. Best is a small popsicle stick type instrument. Let everything dry completely .

### Step Three:

Zipper - Best look is a metal zipper from jeans or jacket. You can cut to any length you need or want. Glue the zipper around the eyes to form look you want. Mix concrete again, enough to cover full form and around the zipper. Form your own texture or look. Add on what you want. Use a wet brush to clean any splatter on eyes. Again let dry completely, before painting.

### Step Four:

Painting - Exterior paint can be used or craft paint to dirty up or give a special look. A top coat of clear polyurethane can be put over when dry. Cover eyes with tape so not to cloud with spray.

Best to dry everything inside to cure for a couple days before placing outside.

Have Fun !!!

















We really worked Heather hard mixing all the cement.

Thanks, Heather!





Below: Start out by half filling the 9 inch Pam sprayed pan with cement. Then in goes the wire mesh.



Above: Then fill up the pan the rest of the way with cement and make it level.





Then press a leaf or more down into the cement until it dries. Remove the leaf after drying to see the pattern.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!