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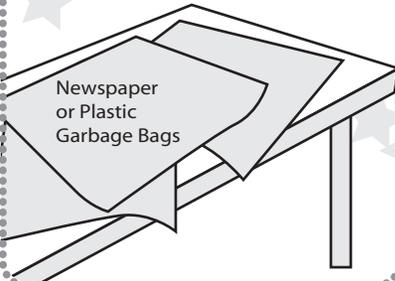


## Stepping Stone

Follow these easy step-by-step instructions to get you started. Take a look at the picture on the package for inspiration!

### Step 1

**Get it together!**  
Collect all your supplies and keep them easily accessible as you are working.



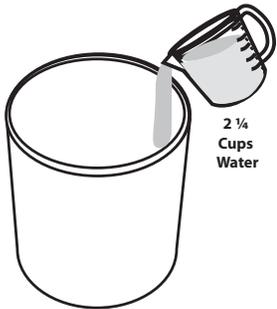
### Step 2

**Prepare work area!**  
You will need to work on a large level surface. Cover surface with newspaper or plastic garbage bags. Make sure you have all of your supplies gathered.



### Step 3

**Pour water in bucket**  
Pour 2 1/4 cups of water into a 5 quart bucket.



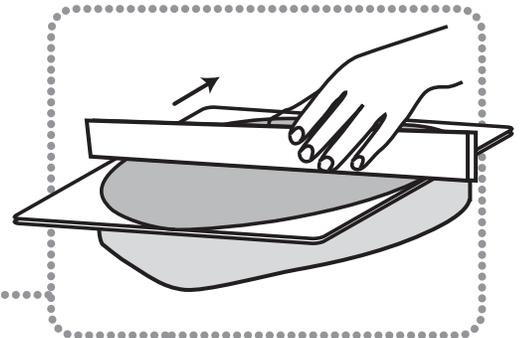
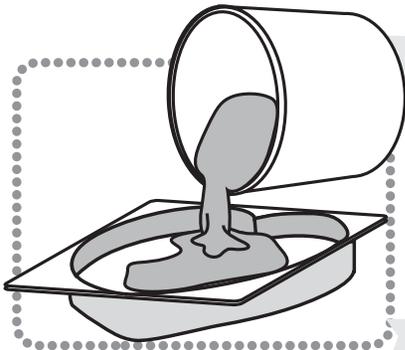
### Step 4

**Mix cement**  
Add 1/3 of the cement mix into the water at a time. Use wooden mixing stick to stir thoroughly, (at least 1 minute), scrapping the sides and bottom of the bucket to get all of the dry cement. Mix until all the cement is wet and has the consistency of a milk shake.



### Step 5

**Pour cement into mold.**  
Before you start apply non-stick spray to the interior of the mold. Pour about 1 inch of cement at a time, then shake the mold and tap it on the table to release air bubbles.



### Step 6

**Prepare surface for decorating**  
Drag the side of the stirring stick over the surface to smooth wet cement. Let cement set up for 15-30 minutes before setting stones, making hand prints, writing or drawing in the cement. Climate and temperature may have an effect on setting time.

NOTE: If the mixture is too thick, add two tablespoons of water at a time until it is the correct consistency. Add water sparingly! Too much water will not allow the cement to cure correctly so you can decorate your stone!

CAUTION: Contains portland cement and silica sand. Contact may cause eye damage. Avoid breathing dust. Harmful if inhaled or swallowed. Prolonged skin contact may cause irritation. Wash hands immediately after use. If cement particles get into eyes, rinse immediately with clear water and seek prompt medical attention. Children should not use this product except under adult supervision. It is recommended that people who are sensitive to dust, wear a mask when mixing the cement.

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## Step 7

Decorate your wet stone

When the cement is partially set, (firm, not runny) you can decorate using the following techniques:

**Decorating with embedded stones or objects!**

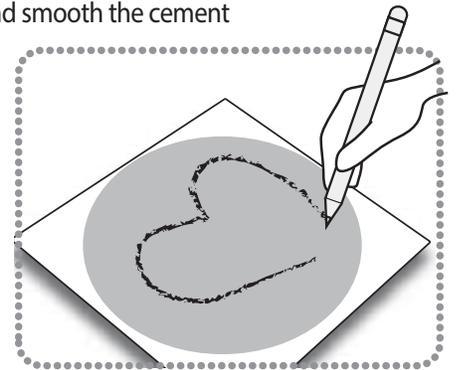
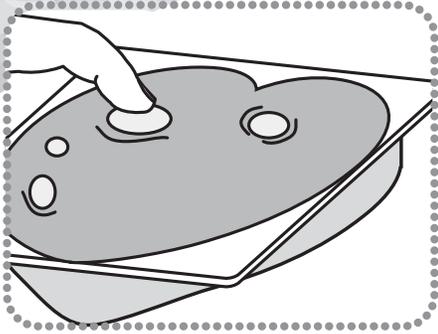
When the cement is partially set (not liquid, but still soft enough to make a lasting impression with your finger) place marbles or other small objects on top of the cement. Press them into the cement, tap the mold on the table to fill in the depressions around the objects. If you make a mistake, just remove the imbedded objects, pat and smooth the cement surface and try again.

**Decorating by writing or drawing!**

You may need to let the cement set up a little longer to draw in the cement. Use a pointed stick, pencil or toothpick to draw or write on the surface of your stone. You can retrace your strokes as cement continues to harden to make your design more defined.

**Decorating with imprints**

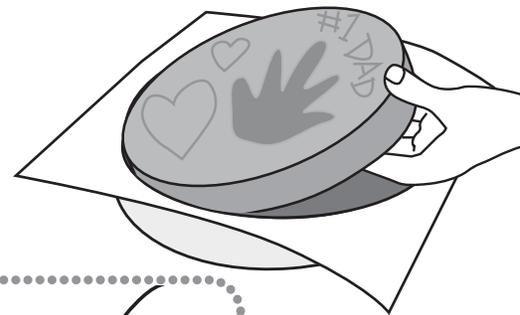
Making imprints of hands or feet is a great way to decorate a stepping stone! Just press your hand, both hands or feet into the partially set cement. If the cement is too wet or you make a misprint, you will have to smooth the cement, wait a few more minutes and try it again.



## Step 8

Let the stepping stone dry for 24-48 hours.

When the cement has cured, you can pop your stone out of the mold. Gently flex the mold and peel it away from the cement stone.



## Step 9

Clean up your dry stone.

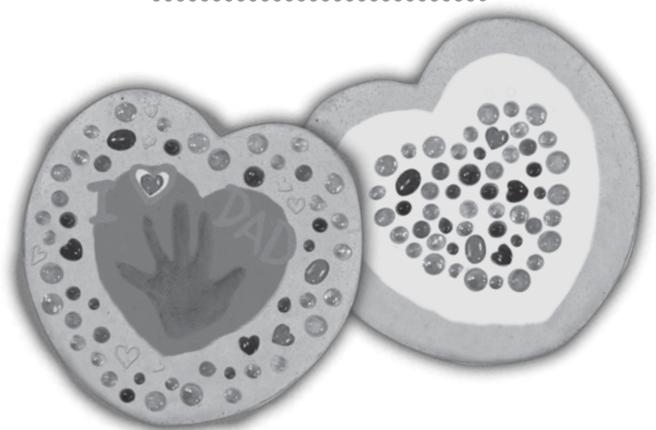
When your stone is completely dry, you can take sand paper, emery board or metal files and smooth any rough edges or uneven areas.



## Step 10

Paint and Seal

Paint your stone, use the acrylic water based paint. Let paint dry completely and seal with a clear acrylic sealer if you are going to place your stone outside.



**DO NOT DISCARD CEMENT MIX  
WASTE DOWN THE DRAIN. DISPOSE  
IN AN APPROPRIATE CONTAINER.**