

Concrete Crafts: Simple Projects From Jewelry to Place Settings, Birdbaths to Umbrella Stands

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Synopsis

Pouring concrete doesn't have to be left to the professionals—decorate your home with concrete poured, mixed, and molded by your own two hands! Versatile, inexpensive, and easily casted, concrete is the perfect medium for crafters, tinkerers, and home improvers. Now, lifelong crafters and interior designers Susanna Zacke and Sania Hedengren reveal more than thirty of their favorite, no-fuss casting projects. Decorate your kitchen table or outdoor patio with: • Rhubarb leaf fruit bowls • Clustered candleholders • Birdbaths • Patterned pots • Flower vases • Angel figurines • And much more! Once you get started, you won't want to stop making trinkets and ornate arrangements for friends, family, and each room in your house. Plus, crafting with concrete is a great way to get outside and enjoy a beautiful, sunny day. Featuring step-by-step photos, easy-to-follow directions, and Susanna and Sania's expert tips, *Concrete, the Perfect Hobby* is the ultimate new guide to outdoor crafting. Pour out your creativity and discover the beautiful, practical items you can cast!

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"Although the word "concrete" doesn't generally conjure images of whimsy, the projects in *Concrete Crafts* are just that: delightful, creative additions to a house or garden, and best of all, surprisingly easy. Authors Zacke and Hedengren introduce the reader to the concepts of casting concrete: mixing, molding, reinforcing, inseting decorations, and treating. Thirty-two step-by-step projects follow, including a precious brood of tiny duckies molded from an ice cube tray and a stunning set of modern kitchen shelves. The beauty of this book is that after the short introduction, the reader is well-equipped and encouraged to create concrete projects of their own design."—Katie Jackson, author of *Hand-Built Outdoor Furniture: 20 Step-By-Step Projects Anyone Can Build*

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What people say about this book

Christine, "A fun book. The projects are so easy and fun to do. I will have to wait till the weather gets a little more drier but I cannot wait to get started."

Rachel D. Cook, "Concrete crafts. Great book with lotsof concrete ideas for the yard."

Denise Bartholetti, "Way cool. This book will bring out the natural artist in everyone!Just let your imagination run wild! Can't wait to make some items for my yard."

Phillip H., "Beginning guide. Great for beginners"

Professor Sipe, "Approachable Projects. I wanted a book which gave directions for small concrete projects for the garden. I can't wait to try the concrete topped potters bench. Will update when I try the recipe (when the punishing weather ends in the NE region)."

wanda, "its good DIY book. Like everything about it. Made a few things already."

Cathy, "Some nice ideas. Once one has understood the basic method, most of the examples of ideas could be dealt with by a couple of photos. some of the text is unnecessary and more examples could be included to take its place. None the less the book does have original ideas and is cheaper than some, so worth purchasing .(As usual, chose from 'new' list with range of outlets. I have never had a problem with this. Reasonable price"

kim Abbott, "Nice gift. Bought as a gift. Well presented and informative."

Purple People Eater, "Excellent starter book. Perfect for me as a beginner, not to craft but to concrete. Great ideas, lovely pictures and inspiration from two fun creative ladies."

Mairi Rybicki, "Five Stars. as described"

M E Foreman, "Five Stars. Very pleased with purchase"

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