

HOW TO MAKE HYPERTUFA CONTAINERS

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

1. Disposable plastic gloves
2. Dust mask
3. Mold
4. Spray Cooking Oil or sheet of plastic
5. Plastic container for mixing
6. Small Wood Dowel or Cork
7. Water
8. Plastic bag large enough to place mold
9. Wire brush, Sandpaper, Shells, Bark or other tools to create texture (Optional)
10. Perlite
11. Peat Moss
12. Portland Cement

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix 3 Parts Perlite, 3 Parts Peat Moss, and 2 Parts Portland Cement in a plastic tub. Mix thoroughly by hand wearing gloves and dust mask.
2. Add water to tub gradually until mixture can be shaped without being overly wet.
3. Spray the inside of the mold with cooking spray, or alternatively, use a sheet of plastic against the mold. Place sprigs of ferns, evergreens, or other materials if desired.
4. Place dowel rod in bottom of container to create a drainage hole. If this step is not done, a drainage hold can be drilled later.
5. Place handfuls of hypertufa, beginning at the bottom of the mold, against the inside edges of the mold. Continue until mold is fully covered. Press firmly to remove air pockets. Smaller container may be placed inside of larger container if necessary or desired.
6. Cover with plastic bag. Let dry for about 48 hours.

7. Take off plastic bag and remove pot from mold. The pot will be slightly wet. Use a wire brush, sandpaper, or other tools to create rustic appearance and texture if desired.
8. Let hypertufa container dry for approximately 2 to 3 weeks.
9. Let pots sit in the rain for 2-3 weeks or rinse out with vinegar solution to leach out alkalinity.
10. Plant and enjoy!