

Cement Skull Planter

Supplies:

- Cement ** (Use fast setting hydraulic cement to complete project within a few hours or concrete mix to complete project within a few days)
- 2 large buckets (five quarts or larger) **
- 1 small container (one quart) **
- Paint mixing stick **
- Tin snips **
- Cleaning gloves **
- Plastic skull shaped container (or plastic pumpkin shaped pail)
- Flowers (real or artificial)
- Cooking spray



** = available at Evey True Value Hardware while supplies last

Instructions:

1. Spray the *inside* of the skull shaped container with cooking spray. This will allow for easier extraction once the cement is hardened.
2. Spray the *outside* of the small container with cooking spray as well.
3. Before mixing the cement, fill one of the large buckets with cold water. The other large bucket will remain empty as it will be used for mixing.
4. When ready, pour the dry cement powder into the large empty bucket.
5. Then, pour in the water and mix them together until it reaches a liquid consistency.
6. Quickly pour the liquid cement mixture into the skull shaped container to fill it about 75% of the way.
7. Then, quickly push the small container into the center of that cement mixture and hold there until the cement hardens around it.
8. When the cement in the skull shaped container is hard and a light gray color, it is ready for extraction.
9. Pull the small container out of the hardened cement skull.
10. Use the tin snips to cut the plastic skull shaped container completely off of the hardened cement skull.
11. Fill the finished cement skull planter with beautiful flowers!