

# HYPERTUFA



## Process:

**Spray** your form with **PAM** first. Drill hole for drainage. Cut a piece of **bamboo** for your watering hole to 2 inches above the height of where your cement will be so the water can drain out of your soil. Be sure to **PAM** it too. If you are using wicker, **line** the basket with **saran wrap** and then **PAM**.

THEN measure **out EQUAL** parts **Perlite, Peat Moss, Portland Cement**. Perlite is light weight and messy, please try to keep it **inside** a garbage

bag when measuring it out. Do **not breathe** the cement as you measure and mix it up. Use a mask. Get some **water** in another container of water. Please note: **NONE** of this mixture can go down a drain. It will solidify. **Mix** dry ingredients with water in a container. It needs to be a bit wetter than cookie dough (**not soggy**) and well mixed. Move it **slowly** into your form. **Pat** it as you do to remove air bubbles and have better adhesion. It will need to be deep enough to hold soil, etc. but not so deep it is really heavy and there is no room for soil later. Be sure to **PLACE** the bamboo into the **bottom before you fill it**....so you will have a watering hole. You can do several holes if you want. If you'd like to add some **moss** for an aged look do it along the outside and top as you create.

Let **dry** for about a **week NOT** in the **SUN**. **Remove** cast from the form. Let it **dry** for a couple of weeks more before you plant it. **DON'T** spray with shellac or vanish as you want the water to run through. **Remove** Bamboo for watering hole. . If you can't easily get them out when it is dry, use a drill. The wood should not break your drill bit. Clean you original form but not in a sink.

## SUPPLIES:

Forms can be from your own kitchen or junk stores. Jello molds, cake molds, mixing bowls, even a plastic box, etc. Look for unusual shapes.

Pam spray, plastic gloves, face mask, large metal spoons (goodwill) or trowels, bamboo or wooden sticks about ½" wide, margarine or cottage cheese containers .....your form which you won't be using for food again...., and something like a bucket to mix the ingredients in, perlite, peat moss, Portland cement. Perlite and peat moss can be bought from Walmart in small bags. Unfortunately Portland Cement can be bought only in 94 lb. bags at Lowes. They do have smaller bags with sand added. These may work too. Bags can't be kept after summer. They harden as moisture/humidity get to it.