

CONCRETE VOTIVES

Light up your night with candle holders cast with quick-set concrete



There is nothing like the soft glow of candlelight to add atmosphere to your outdoor gatherings. Add industrial style to your entertaining scene with concrete votive holders. It's as simple as mixing fast-set concrete and using plastic containers as moulds. The size and shape is up to you!



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EASY STEPS TO MAKING A CONCRETE VOTIVE



STEP 1



STEP 3



STEP 5



STEP 2



STEP 4



STEP 6

Here's how

STEP 1 Wearing gloves and mask, add quick-set concrete to bucket. Mix 1 part BondCrete to 10 parts water in plastic jug and slowly pour into bucket, stirring well, until the concrete is firm and not runny.

STEP 2 Spray the inside of a large container with cooking spray, then fill with concrete a little more than halfway. Spread the concrete around with your gloved hand, slap the mix to remove air bubbles and also tap the container against the work surface or the ground.

STEP 3 Spray the outside of a small container and centre it on the mix and press down to make a depression, pushing the mix up the sides of the large container. Use painter's tape to hold the small container in position. Allow the concrete to set for 24 hours, leaving it in a location out of direct sun.

STEP 4 Remove the tape and

the small container, then pull mould away from concrete bowl.

STEP 5 Wrap sandpaper around a sanding block and sand the edges of the concrete bowl.

STEP 6 Apply a 1:10 mix of BondCrete and water to the outside of the concrete bowl with a brush.

TIP Paint the inside with gold or silver metallic paint for extra glow. ■

Gather your supplies

- Quick-set concrete
- Large and small plastic bowls and containers
- BondCrete

You'll also need

Bucket; plastic jug; wooden paint stirrer; rubber gloves; respirator mask; cooking spray; painter's tape; scissors; sandpaper and sanding block; paintbrush

For you to note

- Use bowls that are wider at the top than base, and have a little bit of flexibility.

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Australian Builders 20kg Quick Set Mortar Sand and Cement Mix, \$9.40.
Bondall 500ml BondCrete Cement Additive, \$12.10. Monarch 10-15L Wooden Paint Stirrer, \$2.78. Scotchblue 48mm Sharp Paint Lines Painter's Masking Tape With Edge-Lock, \$19.85.