



# Stepping Stones

You'll Need:

- \*Premixed Concrete
- \*Water
- \*2 Buckets (one for water and an old one for mixing cement)
- \*Stirring Stick
- \*Tin Foil Molds or Pizza Box
- \*Decorations - pretty stones, ceramic tiles, marbles, old horse shoes, toys, you name it!

Before you start get everything ready. Decide what shape you want the stones to be. If you don't want to use a mold, you can dig a hole in the ground, line it with small stones and pour the cement directly into the hole.

Step 1:

Fill one bucket with water. You may want to have your parents help you mix the cement. It can splatter and irritate your skin. Mix outdoors and keep a clean bucket of water near by in case you get some cement on your skin. Follow mixing directions on the cement bag.

Step 2:

Pour the cement into the mold. You want it to be about two inches deep. Gently pick up a side of the mold and tap it on the ground to get rid of the air bubbles. Wait until the water on the top is gone, about 10 minutes, or until the cement leaves a lasting impression.

Step 3:

Add your decorations. If you're putting foot or hand prints into the cement cover your skin with Vaseline first. Wash with soap and water afterwards.

Step 4:

When you are finished cover your stones with plastic so that they don't dry too fast. This will keep them from cracking. Don't move them for at least 12 hours. Then remove the mold and take them home.