

Designing a concrete bird bath

Instructions No. 1873

🔪🔪🔪 Difficulty: Beginner

🕒 Working time: 2 Hours

These noble looking water troughs delight insects and birds. The bowls are cast in concrete and decorated with different coloured muggle and mosaic stones. So the pretty watering troughs become an eye-catcher for your garden.



Start by **spraying the moulds with** release agent. This makes it easier to remove the castings later

For the casting moulds, mix the concrete with a **little** water until a creamy mass is formed. For the large bowl use about 10 tablespoons, **for the small bowl** 7 tablespoons and **for the bird** 4 tablespoons

Fill the mass into the **moulds** for the shells, place the smaller casting mould on top and press it into the concrete. Weigh down the inner moulds. Let the concrete dry for about **12 hours**. Now first remove the upper casting mould. Turn the other casting mould over and press with the whole palm of your hand on the casting mould so that it comes off the mould. Repeat this procedure for all castings. Let the casting blanks **dry** for another **12 hours**.



Spread some **assembly glue** inside the shell. Now place the **Muggle- or Mosaic stones** on top of it. Mix something **Joint Filler** with water in one Mixing cup and spread it with a soft brush also in the bowl. After approx. **8-10 minutes** binding time, wipe off Joint Filler the remaining stones with a damp **sponge**. When dry, coat the inside with **Mosaic Joint Finish**.

The **Terracottapots** are **painted** with **Beton Color**. Place some **Muggle or Mosaic stones**. With the mosaic stones you should put some **Joint Filler** use for better adhesion. When everything is completely dry, glue the concrete shell with **assembly glue** on the upside down Terracotta-pot and the bird on the rim. We have decorated the bird with **Metallic paint** before.

To ensure that the bird bath is waterproof and can also be used, coat the mosaic surface with casting resin. Use the **100 ml cold glaze pack** from our range, mix it 1:1 according to the product instructions and cover the mosaic as well as the surfaces that are to be waterproof with this transparent glaze. Let it dry out well.

Article information:

| Article number | Article name | Qty |
|----------------|---|-----|
| 756846-11 | Viva Decor Maya StardustSage | 1 |
| 784566 | Cold glaze set | 1 |
| 430807 | Broken glass mosaic, 2 kg | 1 |
| 330350 | VBS Painting sponges, 3 pieces | 1 |
| 810401 | Mixing cup made of rubber | 1 |
| 110679 | UHU assembly adhesive, 200g | 1 |
| 10906 | Weatherproofing impregnation100 ml | 1 |
| 571739-10 | Terracotta-rose pots, 3 pcsInside-Ø 10 cm, H 12 cm | 1 |
| 571739-12 | Terracotta-rose pots, 3 pcsInside-Ø 12 cm, H 14 cm | 1 |
| 755696-01 | VBS Concrete Color, 250mlLight grey | 1 |
| 517140-50 | Concrete for creatives5 kg | 1 |
| 488433 | Release Agent Spray | 1 |
| 118040 | Mosaic joint finish, 100ml | 1 |
| 465755-01 | VBS Mosaic-Joint FillerWhite | 1 |
| 430890 | VBS Glass muggle stones "Colorful Opaque", 1 kg, Ø 1,8 cm | 1 |
| 517461 | Latex Casting mould "Bird", ca. 11,5x10cm | 1 |
| 10900 | Casting mould "Big round bowl" | 1 |
| 10898 | Casting mould "Small round bowl" | 1 |
| 465786 | VBS Broken mosaic | 1 |

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