

The art of
PLASTER



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Turn plaster into **MASTERPIECES**
with these project ideas!



WELL MOLDED

Use a resin mold to form these jewelry boxes—just pour the plaster mixture in. For a marbled look, add some acrylic paint but don't mix it in. Then let it set, and pop it out before painting and sealing!

LIGHTS OUT

To make this lamp, pour prepared plaster into a blown-up balloon and swirl it around to coat the inside. Once the plaster sets, pop the balloon to reveal a sphere. Mark holes with a pencil and drill carefully (don't forget to make an opening for the lightbulb!).

Tip: Pour the plaster into a plastic bottle and place the lip of the blown-up balloon over the top. Then flip the bottle over to easily coat the balloon without losing any air.



ORGANIC ORIGINALS

Paper maché + plaster cloth = textured vases! Cut paper maché boxes and cones into different shapes, and wrap them around a glass vase, followed by layers of plaster cloth (glassware will make the vase waterproof).

Then paint over it with abstract designs!





***On the Cover:** Dip faux flowers and stems into plaster, let them dry overnight, and glue them onto a plaster-covered glass vase.*

NEW LEAF

Gorgeous botanical décor in three steps: **1)** Dip a faux floral (we used a monstera leaf) in plaster and let it set. **2)** Lightly press the leaf into an almost-set stepping stone. **3)** Add gold wax metallic finish.

This plaster dries quickly! Be sure to work in batches or cover it when you're not using it.

CRESCENT BLOOM

Who says a wreath has to be round? This modern wreath features plaster-dipped magnolia picks glued to branches that we cut and glued into a crescent shape. To add to the sun-bleached aesthetic, we added braided jute for hanging.





BLOOMING BEAUTIFUL

Want to update a piece of furniture without having to worry about painting or adding hardware? Try plaster flowers! Use silicone molds (found in Party and Baking) to shape the delicate designs, and then just glue them into place.



MIRROR, MIRROR

Striking white plaster and lush moss make an enchanting statement on this arched mirror.

To re-create the look, dip floral elements like flowers, stems and butterflies into plaster, let them dry, and adhere them to the border of the mirror.



BRIGHT IDEA

This free-form plaster lampshade is the perfect combination of art and function. Cover vinyl fabric with prepared plaster cloth, shape it, and let it dry on an object that will help it hold its shape. Then remove the vinyl and your contemporary lampshade is ready to hang.



CANDLE COZY

The simplicity and elegance of plaster flowers makes them a natural embellishment for a basic glass candle holder. Dip flowers (cut from their stems) in pottery plaster, and let them dry. Then adhere them to the glass, starting from the bottom and spiraling upward.

DOWN TO EARTH

Wooden Planter: Dip a blown-up balloon in plaster several times, building up the layers and brushing on the texture as it dries. Remove the balloon and paint.

Stone Planter: Pour plaster into a blown-up balloon to coat the inside. Let it dry, pop the balloon, and paint with stone texture paint.



TOTALLY TEXTURED

Here's an artful tip: Use a 2:1 plaster-to-water ratio to make a mixture that's thick enough to add depth and dimension (similar to impasto oil painting). We painted these flowers on with a palette knife and then sealed the piece with decoupage medium.

