

Forming a Textured Pot Mold



for use with
papercrete
& hypertufa

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Twist single sheets
of newspaper into
paper ropes.

You may need quite
a few.



Use something to form a drainage channel for the bottom of the pot, like a pencil, bamboo, or pvc pipe.

Secure it in place with tape or glue in the bottom of the box.



Line the box mold with some form of plastic, like a used shopping bag, over top of the channel.



Have all your boxes prepped and plenty of paper ropes handy before starting your textured pot project.



Pack mix heavily ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or more) over the area of the channel, then make drainage hole(s) along the channel.

Add more mix to the remaining bottom until everything is level.

Layer paper ropes along the sides of the box. You can do this before or after forming the bottom.



Firmly and heavily pack mix into paper rope sides.

Press the ropes back down if they try to move up from packing the mix.

Make sure you have a large curve between the bottom and sides for a better structural finish.



The top edge can be left rough & ragged, or smooth & rounded.

Varying the tightness of the twists of the paper ropes will create interesting textures!

This pot's results will be posted in a couple weeks.

Thanks for your interest!

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