



CREATE YOUR OWN HAND PRINT STONE

INCLUDES:

- 1 KEEPSAKE STONE MOLD
- 1 PAINT STRIP NET 0.507 FL OZ (15 ML) TOTAL
 - 1 LB (453 G) OF PLASTER MIX
 - 1 PAINT BRUSH • 1 MIXING TOOL
- 1 PAIR OF ARTIST GLOVES • 1 ARTIST MASK

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING.
ADULT SUPERVISION IS RECOMMENDED

CAUTION: The included mask and gloves should be worn when handling the plaster mix to protect from a rare allergic reaction to the dust. Open bags carefully to minimize the release of dust.

CONTENT LIST

- Keepsake Stone Mold • Paint Strip • Plaster Mix
- Paint Brush • Mixing Tool • Artist Gloves • Artist Mask

EXTRA SUPPLIES NEEDED FROM HOME

- Measuring Cup • Paper Towels
- Newspapers • Scissors • Water

PREPARATION

Set Up Your Work Area:

Place newspaper or paper towels over a flat work surface to protect it from the plaster and paints. Lay out your materials in front of you before you begin. Keep the box nearby in case you want to refer to the pictures for inspiration. It's also helpful to keep extra paper towels around to clean up any spills.

Plan Your Design:

With the content of this kit you can make 1 Handprint Stone. The molding tray has a design set in the bottom. When you make a stone using the tray, the mold's design will be on one side of your stone. You will be making your hand print design on the flat surface. Think about the designs you want to create with the gems and tiles. You should have your completed design planned before you mix – the plaster mix sets in 15 minutes.

Step 1: Put on the provided gloves to protect your hands. Place the mask on over your nose and mouth with the adjustable cord wrapped around your head. The included mask must be worn when handling the plaster mix.

Step 2: Using scissors cut open the bag of plaster. If needed, ask an adult for help with scissors.

Step 3: Measure 2 cups of warm water, slightly above room temperature.

Note: The water cannot be cold, it will set too fast. If the water is too hot, it will not set. You may not need all of the water.

Step 4: You are now ready to begin molding your Handprint Stone. Keep in mind the mixture should have the consistency of cake batter and not be runny. Remember, you may not need all the water. Carefully pour half of the bag of plaster into the molding tray, and spread the dry plaster mix around the tray. Gradually add 1 cup of water. Use the mixing stick to stir until the plaster starts to

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dissolve. It is recommended to have an adult pour the plaster mix while you stir. Little by little add the remaining plaster adding small amounts of water, if needed, while continuingly mixing.

Note: This step takes approximately 1-3 minutes. We recommend for the adult to wear gloves and a protective mask. (Not included)

Step 5: Gently pick up the molding tray no more than 1 inch from your work surface and wiggle it. Lightly tap the stepping stone on the protected area a couple of times. This will help remove all of the air bubbles and give a smoother surface for you to add your own design. BE CAREFUL, this will splatter.

Step 6: Immediately after you have completed Step Five, you will need to add your handprint. You must do this before the plaster dries, do not wait any longer than 1-2 minutes. Smooth the surface of the plaster mix with the mixing stick. Moisten the mixing stick with water and move it back and forth over the mix, like icing a cake. Then lightly press your hand into the plaster. Then wash your hands with warm water. Use the mixing stick for decorating. Gently use either end of your mixing stick to write your name or draw decorative shapes. Do not push your hand, or mixing stick too deep into the plaster or it will ruin your design. Once the stone has dried, add additional designs using the paint.

Step 7: Let your stone dry completely, it is best to let it sit overnight. If your Handprint Stone is firm, but cool to the touch it may not be completely dry and is best to let it sit for the complete 24 hours. If you try to remove the stone from the tray before it dries, your stone will crack. To remove the stone from the molding tray, turn the tray upside down, and gently push down with your thumbs on the bottom of the molding tray. You should have an adult help, they can put their hands under the stone as you push down on the bottom of the tray. If you are having difficulties removing the stone, turn the tray back upward, use your hand to gently pull on the sides of the tray, do this around the whole tray until the stone is loose, then flip the mold over and gently pull the mold off the stone.

Step 8: Now start painting! Use the paint brush and paints provided to decorate your stone. Remember to clean your brush in a cup of clean water before switching paint colors.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have your Handprint Stones for indoor display!
You should be proud of your creation!
Give them as a gift to your parents or someone
in your family that you love.