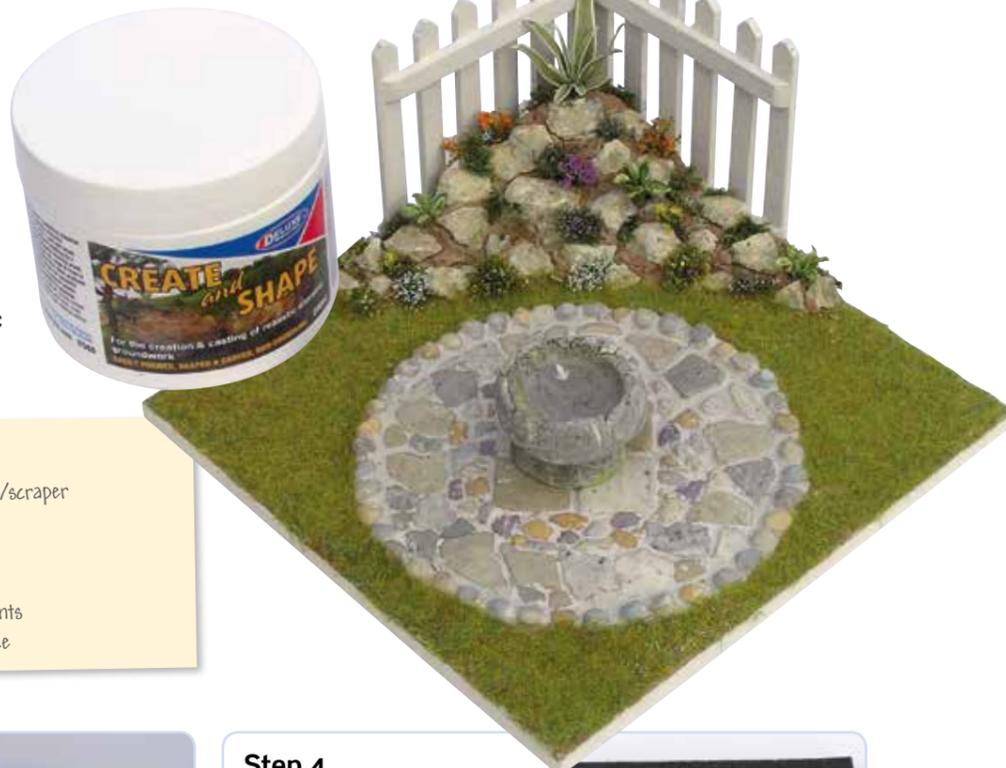


# Create and Shape your own Garden Features

Create and Shape by Deluxe Materials is the perfect modelling material for making your own stonework, rocks, paving slabs, and groundwork. Ideal for any garden scene, it is lightweight, easy to colour and shape and dries hard. It is also easy to carve and can be drilled even when hard. **Catherine Davies** has used Create and Shape to craft a stone circular mosaic with bird bath and rock garden.



## You will need:

- Deluxe Materials Create and Shape
- Deluxe Materials Speed Bond
- Deluxe Materials Foam Armour
- Deluxe Materials Solid Water
- Pastel chalk or pigment powders
- Pallet knife/scrapper
- Tile
- Scalpel
- Metal rule
- Acrylic paints
- Picket fence

### Step 1

Colour Create and Shape by mixing with scrapings of pastel chalk or pigment powders. Mix thoroughly if you want a solid, even colour throughout the material, or less so for a more marbled effect.



### Step 4

Further smoothing or shaping can be achieved by sanding the dried Create and Shape once it has dried.



### Step 2

To make a smooth surfaced stone paving slab, spread coloured Create and Shape over a ceramic tile using a pallet knife or a plastic scraper. Leave to dry out thoroughly and lift gently away from the



### Step 5

Mould simple shapes very easily from Create and Shape by rolling, pressing and flattening it using your fingers and other tools. The perfectly shaped bowl for the bird bath was made by pressing a wooden bead into a ball of Create and Shape, gently rolling it to get the required size of indentation before removing it.



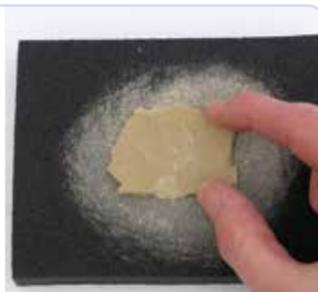
### Step 3

Cut paving slabs into any shape using a scalpel. For precise shapes and straight edges, score against a metal ruler, and then gently bend the Create and Shape with your fingers so it breaks evenly at the score line.



### Step 6

Create and Shape can be pressed into shallow moulds, such as the commercial one used here to create the rocks for the rock garden. When using moulds, it is important to allow the casting to dry thoroughly before lifting out.



### Step 7

Once the cast rocks have dried out thoroughly, add further detail, texture and shaping, if required, to Create and Shape by carving and scraping with a scalpel.



### Step 8

Use acrylic paint on a dry brush as possible to add further surface colour detail. Note that the surface of the Create and Shape will be dissolve and distort slightly if the paint is too wet.



### Step 9

To create your mosaic, use a pair of compasses or a series of circular shaped objects to fashion your board. Begin by gluing the hardened stone slabs in position on the board using Speed Bond and brush the surfaces of them with Foam Armour. This will seal the stones prior to "cementing" and also give them an attractive slightly polished appearance. Allow the Foam Armour to dry.



### Step 10

For the cement add a tiny amount of water to coloured Create and Shape to thin it slightly, or alternatively colour with liquid acrylic paint, and push into the cracks between the stones using a cocktail stick. Clean away excess with a damp sponge or cloth and allow to dry.



### Step 11

Make earth in the same way as cement. Spread thinly over a pre-prepared polystyrene or cardboard mound for the rock garden base and then around the mosaic to provide the ground for the lawn.



### Step 12

Press the hardened rocks into the earth base. No glue is required at this stage as the Create and Shape will naturally stick to the wooden base of the garden, the polystyrene and the rocks as it dries.



### Step 13

Add your fence to complete the scene ready for planting.

Finish the model by gluing grass, model railway scenery and flowers in position. If necessary, holes can be drilled very easily into the hardened Create and Shape to secure plant stems. Once fully hardened, the bird bath can be filled with water using the two part Solid Water from Deluxe Materials.









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