



Instructions Cobblestone Molds



General Preparations

Items Needed:

- *History Stones cobblestones mold(s)
- *80 lb bag concrete mix (will create apx. two cobblestones)
- *mixing tub or wheelbarrow
- *mixing tool, i.e. small shovel or garden hoe

- Prepare the molds using a lubricant or a mold release. This will help in removing the casting from the mold later and may extend the life of the mold itself. We recommend the use of any concrete release agent, cooking spray or motor oil (use sparingly or you will see more surface bubbles).
Mix the concrete according to the instructions from the concrete manufacturer, mixing a small amount of water at a time until you achieve a consistency that is well mixed, and is thick, not runny; similar to the consistency of crunchy peanut butter.

Filling Molds

1. Begin by pouring only about 1/3 of the mortar or concrete mixture into the mold.
2. Gently shake and tap the bottom and sides of the mold to eliminate all air bubbles. Continue by pouring the mixture in small batches stopping each time to shake and bounce out the air bubbles. When filled, the top of the concrete/mortar should be flat and even.
3. Keep the mold in a dry area to cure *for 24 to 48 hours* on a level surface in moderate temperature.

Unmold Cobblestones

Gently turn the mold upside down onto a soft surface, like grass or a piece of carpet for example, and pull sides away very gently from concrete and tap lightly on the back. If the mold is stiff you can soften the plastic a bit by setting it in the sunlight to warm it or use a hair blow dryer carefully just to warm the plastic and make it more flexible.

Do not walk on your stones for several days to make certain the mortar is set all the way through the stone.



Applications & Decorative Tips

Laying cobblestones - you may lay your cobblestones the same as you would for any stone or tile pathway or patio, i.e., mortar in place, or lay upon a fine gravel or sand base. Be sure that the ground is smooth and even to provide a stable base.

Patio - Use four quarter round cobblestones to create a full circle and surround them with square cobblestones to enlarge your patio

Pathway -- lay your pathway using the square cobblestones and use the quarter round cobblestones to show the corners of the path.

Decorative Tips

- *Add *concrete colorant* to the concrete mix (purchased in home improvement stores near the concrete/mortar) We used a brick like concrete colorant for the cobblestone set shown above. This will give solid color through the entire cobblestone
- * Apply a *concrete stain* to the cobblestones once they are set up for an "old world" or aged look (stains come in a variety of colors, i.e., jade, coffee, mahogany, ebony). Concrete stains are beautiful, and provide the most natural, interesting finish. You can find these stains at home improvement/paint stores

Color Design:

- * Use two or three colors to add to the design of a pathway or patio
- * Border the pathway or patio with an accenting color
- * Use an accent color for the cobblestone circles

