



Information Sheets

Tufa Pot

Making a Tufa Pot

To make a tufa pot you need only a few simple items:

- 1 part cement
- 1 part sand
- 2 part peat moss

- Measure these 3 ingredients into a bucket; it is easiest to measure with something like a large coffee can.
- Now mix all the dry ingredients together thoroughly.
- Gradually add water until the mixture resembles play dough.
- If it becomes too wet, simply add some dry mixture to absorb the moisture.
- Line the container you have chosen as your mould with plastic.
- Your mould can be a pot, tub, planter or what ever you have.
- Press the mixture to the mould.
- Now take a stick or pointed object and make a drainage hole in the bottom of the pot.
- Set the mould aside for 24 hours for the cement to set.
- Then remove the tufa from the mould. When the pot is ready you should be able to scrap your fingernail on the surface of the tufa pot.
- Remove the plastic from the outside of the pot.
- You can now take a wire brush to the outside of the pot and rough it up; this will make it look weathered.
- The tufa pot must be set aside again to cure for about one month, do not set in direct sun or let it freeze.

Putting on a Moss Covering

If you would like the pot to look weathered and old right away then you may want to try this mixture.

- Go out to the lawn and pull up some moss.
- Place 1 cup of moss and a little bit of buttermilk in a blender.
- This should become a runny mixture.
- Take this mixture and paint it on to the outside of the tufa pot.
- Now put the pot in a clear plastic bag and close it.
- Set it in a warm, sunny location.
- In about 1-2 weeks the pot should have a covering of moss.