

# DIY: Bowl made from modelling clay

**Instructions No. 3372**

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 1 hour

## Create Your Own Bowl from Kneading Concrete

Bowls are not only practical but also real eye-catchers in any room. So why not make your own concrete bowl? This DIY guide shows you how you can easily create your own unique creation with kneading concrete. The advantage: you don't need a kiln for this, and you can let your creativity run wild. Concrete is timeless, durable, and fits perfectly into any décor. Discover now how to make your own concrete bowl step by step!

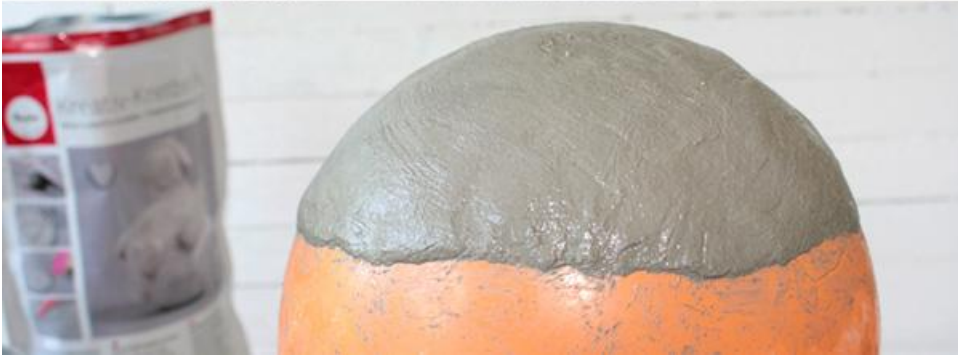


### Prepare Kneading Concrete

Before you start, be sure to put on disposable gloves! Concrete can irritate the skin and should not come into direct contact with it. Also, avoid inhaling the dust, as it can irritate the lungs.

You have about one hour for processing before the concrete hardens. However, small leftovers will dry faster, so it's best to work in smaller portions. Place the kneading concrete in a suitable container and gradually add water until you get a workable, slightly crumbly mass. If the mixture becomes too wet, just add more concrete.

Now place the inflated balloon in another container to prevent it from moving. Cover the surface of the balloon with part of the concrete mixture. You can shape the size of the base to your liking. A slightly wetter mixture is easier to apply.



### **Form and Decorate the Bowl**

Now your creativity is needed! You can create shapes with cookie cutters or shape your own elements by hand and place them on the existing concrete. If an element doesn't stick, lightly moisten the joints with water and gently press them.

To smooth the concrete or close gaps, dampen the glove lightly and stroke with gentle pressure over the areas. Ensure the bowl is evenly made and gapless, as the concrete has weight and can easily slip away.



Once satisfied with your work, you can incorporate additional structures with a skewer or imprint the surface with other materials.



### **Drying and Final Touches**

The bowl should dry for at least 24 hours. Drying time can vary depending on the thickness of the layers, but you can recognize when it is dry because the concrete becomes lighter and sounds hollow when you lightly tap it.



After drying, you can carefully cut the balloon and release the air. To dry any remaining moisture inside, leave the bowl for another one to two hours.





Your bowl is now ready to use. If there are still visible concrete fibers, cut them off and sand any uneven edges for a perfect finish.

**Painting and Sealing**

If the bowl in its raw state is not colorful enough for you, you can paint it to your liking. A brush is suitable for large areas, while a sponge is better for enhancing the concrete's texture.

An additional layer of clear varnish or primer offers extra protection, making the bowl waterproof so it can also be used as a vase.





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