



DESIGNS IN Resin

Whooooo'd have thought casting with resin could be so much fun!

From readymade molds to mixable dyes to a store full of imaginative embellishments, we've got everything you need to start crafting with resin. Make these hootie-cutie jewelry keepers, a nifty sewing-inspired paperweight, or even a replica of an Eiffel Tower statue.

DO A DIGIT How about new house numbers? You love your old numbers, but they're looking a little worse for wear. Just use them to make a mold. . . and recast them in resin! **Tip:** *This trick is also great when you're looking for a color that's rarely ever on the shelf. Want your address in sunshine yellow or peacock blue? Done!*



≡ JUST DUCKY Meet everyone's favorite yellow fellow! This itty-bitty birdie was cast in a mold that was made from a sweet rubber ducky. That's right, you can make a mold from just about anything! We offer a variety of mold-making compounds. Choose the one that works best for you, and carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.



⋈ IN FRAME Looking pretty is the aim of this frame, and we think. . . we nailed it! We made a mold from a thrift store find. Then, we poured in the resin and allowed it to harden according to the manufacturer's instructions. Love the vintage-style coloring? We mixed yellow and brown resin dyes to achieve the slightly mottled effect.



OF NOTE

This memo board might just be the cutest thing ever! The polka dot board (available in the Home Décor Department, sans the red ribbon hanger) is embellished with a giant resin sunflower, cast in an oversized mold. The coordinating pushpins were made in a jewelry mold and glued (we used E-6000®) onto ordinary thumbtacks.

IN STITCHES

An everyday object can make the perfect mold. Case in point? This sweet, sewing-themed paperweight. We cast it in the plastic dome of some discarded packaging. The piece features a collection of vintage-style trinkets, backed with coordinating scrapbook paper. And you've gotta love the measuring tape look, especially if you're a seamstress.

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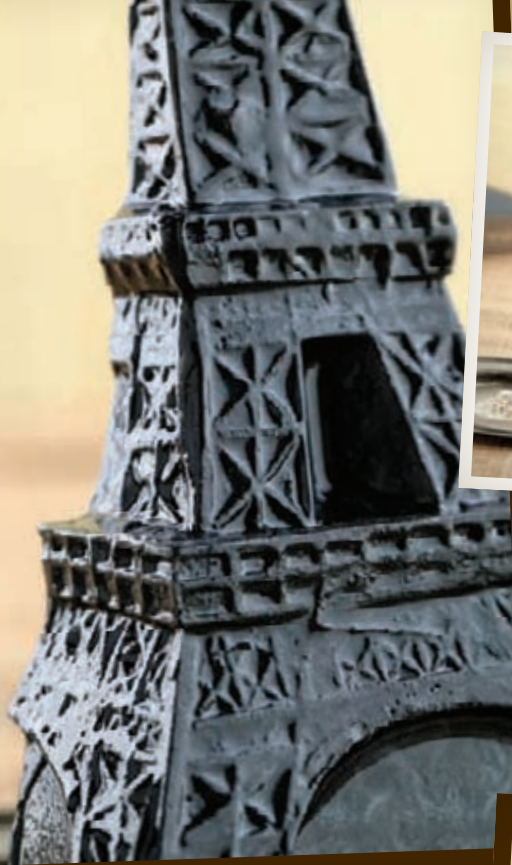


Tip: Spray all molds (off-the-shelf and otherwise) with mold release before you pour your resin. This step is essential for preventing hardened resin from sticking to the mold.

YOU WISH

Almost anything can be turned into a mold... A container headed for the trash bin was recycled as the mold for this inspiring design. It features a trio of encouraging scrapbook buttons and a length of wispy ribbon. But what really makes this paperweight bloom? Dried rosebuds, perfectly preserved in the resin.





« TRÈS TOWER This Eiffel Tower bookend is available in the Home Décor Department. It comes in classic silver, not quite what we wanted for a more modern space. The solution? We made a mold and filled it with dyed, pearlized black resin to complement our contemporary décor. We kept the copies and gave the originals as a gift!

» GET THE PICTURE

Decorate off-the-shelf décor with mini collages. We filled some simple jewelry molds with clear resin and steampunk-style trinkets, available in the Jewelry Department.

When the resin had hardened, we adhered the pieces to a simple black frame. A sprinkling of leftover embellishments to balance the design... and we were done!



» SHELL OUT

What's so fun about crafting with resin? The world is your mold, baby! Cast found objects, flea market trinkets and natural treasures—like these pretty little seashells. Grab some mold-making compound (*sold near the resin casting supplies*) and get to duplicating!



» PULL TOGETHER Need to change up the look of a chest of drawers? Try making molds from existing pulls. Then recast them in the color of your choice. This look is a mix of transparent blue and green, shined up with flecks of gorgeous gold glitter. It may look vintage... but it's absolutely made to order!



« CRITTER CUBBY These cutie-pie creatures were cast in soap molds (*available in the Craft Department*). The molds come as a set, and that was perfect for our purposes. The uniform size was ideal for a series of quirky drawer handles. We used a strong craft adhesive to adhere the finished figures to ready-to-embellish pulls, sold near the stained glass supplies.



LOOK BOOK

This journal was just fine off the shelf. . . but artful alterations made it a book to brag about. You might call the look “curiosity shop chic,” and it wouldn’t be the same without resin. From the collage-style cover to the fancy bookmark, it’s a masterpiece of fantasy-meets-function design.



Chapter & Verse



- ⤴ An antique-style bookplate is the focal point of this impressive design. Resin, gears, glitter and scrapbook paper were carefully layered on wax paper to create the collage. After the resin hardened, it was carefully cut to fit the window.
- ⤵ Twist it around, and this bookmark takes a science fiction turn. The dyed resin—alcohol ink is responsible for the mysterious amber hue—holds gears, cogs, flecks of gold leaf and bits of fine gravel. The shape comes from an oval jewelry mold.



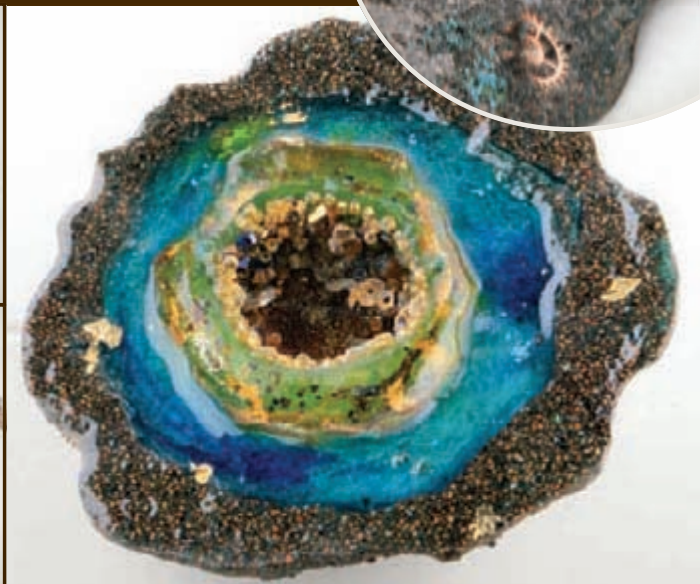
- ⤴ Want a remembrance of a special day? Try coating a keepsake in a bit of clear resin. We tried the technique on a ginkgo leaf, but it works for flowers and feathers too. Talk about well preserved!



A pretty trinket here . . . an industrial bauble there. That's a trademark of oh-so-chic steampunk design. For example, repurposed vintage jewelry is prettily perched on an ornate resin bookmark. The piece is held in place with heavy-duty craft adhesive.



ROCK OUT This faux geode was a challenging affair. But oh my, it was worth the effort! And it's sure to keep people guessing, making it the perfect conversation piece! The piece is formed around a pair of polymer clay ring molds. The gritty layers are made from resin, mixed with alcohol ink and black gravel (*sold near the model train supplies*). The smooth layers are resin, mixed with dye and a bit of ordinary glitter.



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