

Concrete-look letters – extravagant home deco design



The concrete look is the latest trend in home deco accessories. With these stylish deco letters, you too can add a touch of urban charm to your home. Use them to adorn your window sills, walls or shelves and create a cosy, feel-good atmosphere. What's so good about them: The solid-looking letters may look heavy but, because they're made out of FIMOair light, they not only look good, they're light as a feather too. This makes them ideal – whether you want to stand them, stick them to a surface or hang them up.

Step-by-step tutorial



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For one letter take one pack of FIMOair light in white (500g) and roll it out to a 3 cm thick sheet approx. 12 x 18 cm in size.

Tip:

Place two 3 cm high strips of wood to the left and right of the block of FIMOair light to help you roll out a uniformly thick sheet.

Hardening:

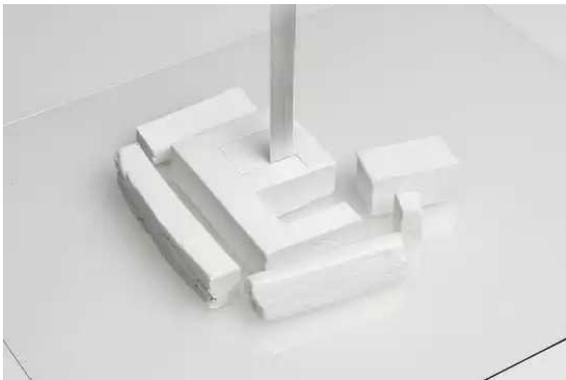
Now leave the letters to dry in the air at room temperature for 1 day or harden in the microwave in only 10 minutes at 600 watts.

IMPORTANT:

In order to avoid overheating, a glass of cold water must be placed in the microwave during the hardening process. Harden within 1 hour of modelling (100 g / 10 min).

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Cut out the paper letter template, moisten slightly and place on the sheet of FIMO. Use a scalpel or kitchen knife to etch the contours into the clay.



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Remove the template and, starting at the top of each line, insert the rigid blade into the clay holding it vertically as you do so. Follow the contours and cut out the letter carefully. Repeat the procedure for the other letters and then leave everything to dry in the air or harden in the microwave.

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Once the letters have dried and are hard, you can smooth over any unevenness with the sanding sponges. Small cracks and holes are intentional and are what give the letters their unmistakable concrete look.

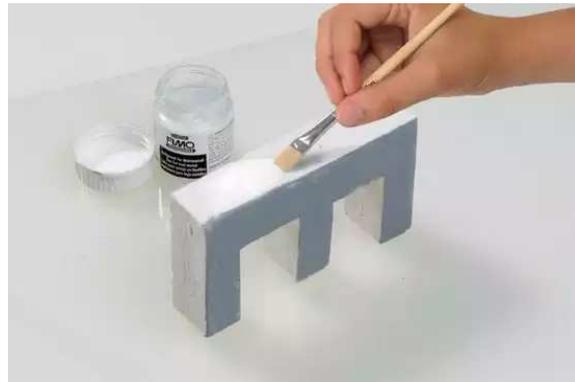


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Next, cover the letters in a coat of grey paint (e.g. Rayher's Chalky Finish in stone grey). To enhance the concrete effect still more, sprinkle a bit of sand over the paint while still wet and rub it in with the brush.

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Brush size for leaf metal onto all narrow sides of the letters and allow to dry for a short time. Do not add size to the front of the letters as these are not going to be gilded.

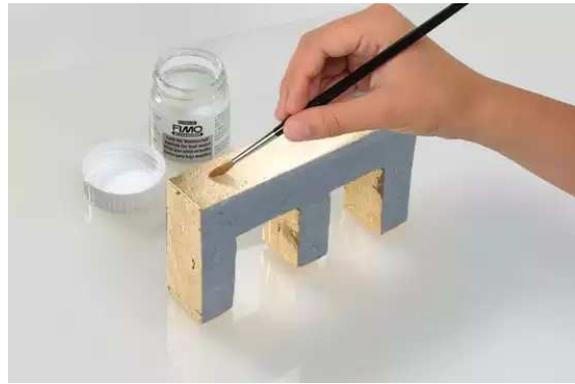


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Side for side, carefully add the leaf metal and dab it on using a soft brush.

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Finish off by adding a protective coat of leaf metal varnish to the letters and then leave to dry thoroughly.



Material overview



What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
FIMO® air light 8131 Air-drying or microwave hardening modelling clay - Single product, white, 250 g	8131-0	10
FIMO® 8700 04 Blades - Blistercard with mixed blade set, 3 pieces (1 rigid, 1 flexible and 1 serrated blade), 2 rubber grips	8700 04	1
FIMO® 8711 Modelling tools - Wallet containing 4 different modelling tools	8711	1
FIMO® 8700 05 Acrylic roller - Blistercard containing an Acrylic roller	8700 05	1
FIMO® 8700 08 Grind'n polish set - Blistercard Grind'n polish set, 3 different grades of sanding sponges (fine, superfine, microfine)	8700 08	1
FIMO® 8781 Leaf metal - Single product Leaf metal, gold	8781-11	1
FIMO® 8781 Leaf metal - Single product Leaf metal, silver	8781-81	1
FIMO® 8781 Leaf metal - Single product Leaf metal, copper	8781-26	1
FIMO® 8782 Size for leaf metal - Blistercard containing 1 jar of size for leaf metal, 35 ml	8782 BK	1

Additionally required:

Smooth work surface (glass or ceramic), brush, scissors, glass, half-round file, sandpaper P120, toothpick, white cotton thread, knitting needle or skewer, 2 strips of wood: 30 mm x 18 mm, 30 cm long. For painting: Chalk paint in grey (e.g. Chalky Finish from Rayher), sand.