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Thank you for purchasing the Party Favor casting kit. Gather all the items listed below and follow the 1-2-3 step process to ensure a beautiful and long lasting keepsake. Please read the instructions thoroughly and make sure you have a clear understanding of each step before beginning. Each kit includes enough mold and casting plaster to make one casting.

Helpful suggestions for the best results:

- 1. Only an adult should be mixing the powders. Children have difficulty mixing thoroughly.
- 2. If you touch the side or bottom you should still continue and pour the plaster. You can smooth out any imperfections with sand paper.
- 3. It's difficult to remove the molding material from clothing. So don't wear your nice clothing.
- 4. The set time of the molding material will vary with the water temperature. The colder the water the longer it will take for the mold to set. The warmer the water the faster it will set. Room temperature works well (73.4 degree Fahrenheit/23 degrees Celsius is an optimum temperature). At this temperature you have 2 1/2 minutes. 1 minute for mixing and 1 1/2 minutes for setting time.

Items Included:

- •1 bag of Make -A- Mold®
- •1 bag of Casting Plaster
- •1 Molding Tray

Items Not Included:

- •Liquid glass measuring cup
- •Plastic mixing spoon
 - spoon •Protective sealant or paint

·Sand paper

•Bowl for mixing Make -A- Mold[®] and Casting Plaster

As Easy as 1-2-3

Step 1-(Molding Powder)

- a. Lay a newspaper on the table or counter top to work on. Measure exactly 1/2 cup (125 ml) of **cool to cold (73 degrees)** water and pour it into the mixing bowl. Do not use warm water, the mold will set to quickly. Make sure you are in a comfortable position. We recommend sitting in a chair or standing at the table so the molding container is at arms length. Make sure you've covered the table with newspaper or plastic.
- b. Empty the bag of molding powder into the water. **Mix quickly** and thoroughly for 1 minute. After 1 minute of mixing pour the mix into the molding tray (see figure 1). Place your hand in the molding material for 1-2 minutes(see figure 2). The mold will begin to thicken and start to set after 1 minute of mixing. Leave the hand in the mold until it has set completely. Test it by touching the top of the material with your finger. The molding should not stick to your finger. If it does, hold the hand in the mold until it sets completely. More time is better. It has to set completely for the impression to turn out.
- c. Remove the hand from the mold. Rinse the hand with water to remove any excess molding material. Immediately move on to Step 2 and pour the plaster or the mold will dry out.

Step 2-(Casting Plaster)

- a. If you would prefer to hang the plate on the wall instead of displaying it on a plate holder, you can insert two candles or similar objects into the mold to create hanging holes (See Figure 3). Push the candles into the mold one on each side of the middle finger.
- b. Peel the molding away from the plastic spoon and use it again to mix the casting plaster. Pour 3 1/2 oz. (100 ml) of cold water into the mixing bowl. Pour the bag of casting plaster into the bowl of water.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

- c. Mix until a smooth consistency develops.
- d. Pour about half the plaster into the mold. Tilt the container so the plaster fills the finger tips. **By tilting the container this will release any trapped air** (This is important otherwise the finger tips may not turn out). To make the air bubbles rise to the surface, tap the container on the table firmly 5 times (See Figure 4).
- e. Place the container back on the table and pour the remaining plaster into the mold.
- f. Slowly shake it from side to side to even the plaster in the mold.
- g. Set the container aside and allow the statue to harden for about 1 hour.
- h. If you are making this as a group craft you can pack the plate and instruction sheet back in the box and send the kit home with the child to finish the project with their parents at home.

Step 3-(Finishing)

- a. Turn the mold up side down and push the plate out of the molding tray. If necessary you can cut the molding tray to remove the statue. Set the molding tray aside and turn the statue over. Carefully peel the molding away from the plate. Be very careful not to break the fragile fingers! (See Figure 5).
- b. If you placed candles in the mold for hanging holes you will now want to remove the candles. Push them out of the plaster with a pen or similar object. Be very gentle so you don't break the plate (See Figure 6).
- c. If necessary us a safety pin to remove any excess cement or molding and to accent the details of your statue.
- d. Sand the bottom of the statue with sandpaper to get a smooth and even bottom.
- e. After you have fixed any imperfections, set your Party Favor aside to dry for about 5 days. If you placed hanging holes you can tie a ribbon through the holes to hang your plate, otherwise you can display it on a plate holder.



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Caution:

- Inhalation of make a mold or casting plaster may be hazardous to your health.
- Keep Party Favor kit out of the reach of children.
- Use Party Favor materials only as instructed above. The Casting Kit Company is not responsible for misuse of their products.
- Seek prompt medical attention if any of these products are ingested.
- If eye contact occurs flush with water for 15 minutes and contact a physician immediately.

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