



Tipsy Pots

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SKILL LEVEL: *(Adult 1-5: 1 being the easiest, 5 being most difficult)*

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TIME TO COMPLETE:

3 Days

PROJECT TIP:

When drilling the hole in the saucer, fill saucer reservoir with water. Drill directly into the water. The water will keep the bit cool and prevent the saucer from cracking.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Cover work area with newspaper.
- 2) Collect all supplies needed for the project. Place them on your work surface.
- 3) Drill a $\frac{3}{8}$ " hole in the center of the saucer and set aside.
- 4) Using a foam brush, paint the area below the band of the large (8½") and small (5") pots black (FIG 1). Also, paint approximately three inches down from the top inside edge of the pot (FIG 2). When paint is dry turn pots over and paint bottoms. Paint the medium (7") pot white using this same technique. Paint the outside of the saucer white. When the saucer is dry, paint a $\frac{3}{8}$ " decorative band on the top outside edge with black.



FIG 1



FIG 2

5) Wearing safety glasses, use nippers to randomly nip tile into 1/2" pieces (FIG 3). To keep pot from rolling, place it on top of a bag of sand or a pillow. Begin to glue the nipped tile to the top band of the pot. Fitting the pieces together as you would a jigsaw puzzle. Additional nipping may be necessary to fit pieces into place. Leave approximately 1/8" between tile pieces. Let adhesive dry according to the manufacturers' recommendations. Continue to apply tile to the bands of all 3 pots.



FIG 3

6) Using 1" masking tape, apply tape to the area under the outside band of the pot and on the top inside of the pot. Mask off all 3 pots, this keeps the pots free of grout (FIG 4).



FIG 4

- 7) Place 1 cup of grout into a mixing bowl and slowly add water 1 tablespoon at a time. Mix with craft stick or spoon until the grout reaches “fudge-like” consistency. If it is too watery, add more dry grout in small amounts until the consistency is correct.
- 8) Wearing a disposable glove; spread the grout into all the spaces between the tiles (FIG 5). Wait about 15 minutes for grout to set.



FIG 5

- 9) Begin to gently wipe away the excess grout using a damp sponge, taking care not to pull grout out of spaces (FIG 6). Use your finger to smooth the grout around the outer edge of the band. It is important to remove grout from the tile surface before it is completely dry.



FIG 6

- 10) Using the soft cloth, buff the tiles to a clean shine. Allow to dry completely for 24 hours.
- 11) When the grout is dry, remove the tape from the pots. Clean away any grout that may have gotten under the tape.
- 12) Randomly adhere $\frac{3}{8}$ " white gems on the small pot and $\frac{1}{2}$ " black gems on the medium pot (FIG 7). On the large pot, adhere $\frac{3}{8}$ ", $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $1 \frac{1}{4}$ " assorted black, white & clear gems. For a whimsical dimensional look, stack gems of varying sizes on top of one another (FIG 8).



FIG 7



FIG 8

- 13) Let the adhesive dry according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- 14) The saucer will act as a base. Depending on the depth of the saucer you may need to adjust the following measurement. Thread a 3/8" nut onto the threaded rod stopping 1 1/2" from the end (FIG 9). Next, place a washer on top of the nut, insert the rod into the hole of the saucer. Thread a second washer on the end and apply a second lock nut to the rod. Firmly but gently, tighten the nuts to the saucer (FIG 10). Place saucer with rod on a sturdy surface. The saucer should stand alone with the rod running vertically up the center of the saucer. Slide the large pot onto the rod until it rests directly on the saucer, fill pot with soil.



FIG 9



FIG 10

15) Next insert the rod through the bottom opening of the medium pot (FIG 11). Allow the second pot to rest at an angle on the soil of the first pot. Fill the medium pot with soil. Slide the third pot onto the rod. The rod should be approximately 2" below the top band of the smaller pot. If your rod is too long, remove the excess with a hack saw. Fill pot with soil.



FIG 11

MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

- 3 Terra-cotta Pots - 8 1/2", 7" & 5" with pre drilled holes in the bottom
- 1 Saucer for the 8 1/2" pot
- 3/8" Threaded metal rod - 18" long
- 2 washers and 2 lock nuts 3/8"
- 3 pkgs. Vintage Mosaic Black Toile (V116)
- Jennifer's Mosaics Gems 3/8, 1/2 and 1 1/4 - black, white & clear
- Black & White Outdoor paint
- Adhesive
- 2 lbs. Jennifer's Mosaics Black Sanded Grout
- Jennifer's Mosaics Wheeled Glass Nippers
- Mixing Spoon and Bowl
- Soft Cloth
- Sponge
- Disposable Glove
- Safety glasses
- Foam Paint brush
- Painter or masking tape 1" wide
- 3/8" Core Bit, to be used if there is not a hole in the saucer
- Drill

