

# HOW TO

## LAY SMALL AREAS OF CONCRETE



In this example we are forming a 40cm<sup>2</sup> (approximately 16 inches<sup>2</sup>) to take a concreted area for a garden ornament to be placed on.

1. Good preparation is vital. Measure and mark out the area to be concreted using a wooden straight edge; we would recommend that you make this 50mm (approximately 2") bigger, to allow for the wooden frame to be put in place.
2. Dig out the soil to the depth of 50 mm (approximately 2") and roughly level with your spade.
3. Set out the area to be concreted with a wooden frame, commonly known as shuttering. In this case we are using 50 by 25cm (2" by 1") timber of approximately 40cm (16") lengths. This will hold the concrete in place whilst it is setting.
4. Assemble the shuttering using screws and use a spirit level to ensure the frame is level on all sides.
5. Dampen the area and then simply pour the dry Quickset Concrete mix into the area and level off with a straight edge, like a trowel or a piece of wood.
6. Using a watering can with a rose attachment sprinkle with clean water, without causing excessive water to pond on the surface.
7. Using a small trowel compact to a smooth finish and leave it to set for approximately 30 minutes.
8. Clean your tools immediately and leave the area tidy.
9. Carefully unscrew and remove the shuttering to avoid damaging the base.
10. Fill in the space around the concrete with existing soil and clean off with a soft brush.
11. The concreted area will be ready to use after approximately 30 minutes.



# WHAT YOU NEED

## MATERIALS

- Quickset Concrete

## TOOLS

- Trowel
- Watering Can
- Garden Spade
- Wooden shuttering
- Screwdriver and screws
- Spirit level
- Hand saw
- Hammer

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