

Cement Orbs Made Easy

Materials

Cement Mix (25 lbs)

Water

Large container

Trowel

Glass Light Fixture Globes



Directions

- 1 Arrange:** Nestle the globes you've been picking up at garage sales and thrift stores into a cardboard box with wads of newspaper between them to hold them upright.
- 2 Mix:** Scoop about a third of an 80 pound bag (25 pounds or so) into a large container. Add water a little at a time and mix until your cement is pudding consistency.

NOTE: An electric drill with a cement mixer attachment makes the job of mixing much easier. I used a trowel and it took me a good 15-20 minutes to thoroughly combine the cement and water.

- 3 Fill:** Scoop the cement into your orbs, filling them right up to the top. You can tilt them to drain off any excess water and/or mop up the excess with paper towels. (Yes, it's a messy process!)
- 4 Dry:** Let your orbs dry for a couple of days (or you can go four or five days, if you're forgetful, like me).
- 5 Smash:** Wearing gloves and goggles (this advice comes from personal experience), gently tap the glass globes with a hammer until they begin to crack and the glass falls away from your orb.

Some of the glass will stick to the cement, but you can use a putty knife to scrape those pieces off the orb and into the box.

Give each orb a final brushing off with your gloved hands, to ensure that later on when you pick one of them up with bare hands, you don't cut yourself (like I maybe did, LOL).

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