



How to go plaster casting

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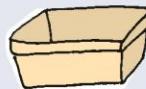


What you need:

- plaster of paris
(from a pharmacy)



- an old 500g margarine tub for mixing it in



- a stick or spoon
for stirring



- water



- strips of card, 10cm wide
and long enough to fit
around the footprint



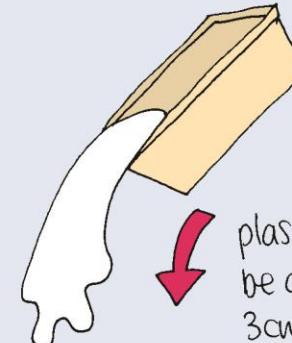
- paperclips



1 Find a footprint and clear away any twigs and leaves from the area around it

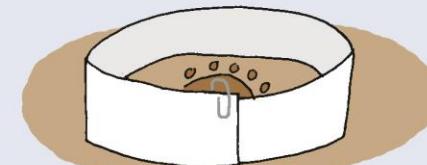


2 Make a circle with the strip of card, join the ends with the paperclip, and push it into the ground around the footprint



plaster should
be at least
3cm deep

3 Mix 5 tablespoons of dry plaster with water until it is like smooth cream



4 Pour the plaster into the card collar. Wait 5-10 mins for it to set then dig it out



5 Take home, wash, identify and label