# Casting bookends letters

**Instructions No. 3024**

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 4 Hours

Moulded **concrete letters** made of concrete or **Raysin** are very popular. These bookends are eye-catching and bring order to any bookshelf. The **moulded letters** are decorated with straw silk paper and are not just for book lovers. For example, a moulded name or personal initials are also a wonderful decoration or gift idea.




## How to use papier-mâché letters as casting mould:

Cut open the **cardboard letter** using the cutter knife. Remove the inside. Apply adhesive tape to the inside edges to reinforce them. Then coat the inside of the letters with **napkin varnish** on the inside of the letters. This seals the cardboard so that the castings can be removed from the mold more easily after drying.

In total, each letter should be coated with 3-4 layers of napkin varnish .

**Casting letters**

Mix the rubber **Raysin** or **concrete** with water in the mixing cup to form a creamy mass. Repeat this until the letter is filled. Caution: do not fill to the brim! (leave a rim of approx. 1 cm).

Different quantities are needed for the letters, depending on the size of the letter. For example, we used 20 heaped tablespoons of concrete for the "N" and 26 heaped tablespoons of Raysin for the "M".

Tap the filled mold lightly on the surface several times so that any air bubbles in the casting compound rise. leave to dry for 24 hours. Bend the edges of the molds slightly outwards, then turn the mold over and press it onto the letter with the flat of your hand. Then tap the surface several times until the casting slips out. Smooth the edges with sandpaper .

The letters can now be decorated with straw silk paper . To do this, first apply glue to the areas that are to be covered, then place the straw silk paper motifs on top and finally apply glue to these again.

## Article information:

| Article number | Article name | Qty |
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| 517140-15 | Concrete for creatives1,5 kg | 1 |
| 120340 | VBS Napkin brush/Decoupage brush | 1 |
| 485562-01 | Casting powder "Raysin 200", white1 kg | 1 |
| 789684-13 | Cardboard letterLetter "M" | 1 |
| 789684-14 | Cardboard letterLetter "N" | 1 |
| 27546 | VBS Napkin varnish "Matt"230 ml | 1 |
| 133319 | Scalpel, approx. 15 cm | 1 |
| 118590 | Adhesive tape "Transparent" | 1 |
| 810401 | Mixing cup made of rubber | 1 |
| 517003 | Sandpaper, set of 6 | 1 |