



THE STRAWCLAY BLOCKMAKER'S BACKPOCKET BOOKY

STRAWCLAY OR CLAYSLIP-STRAW

IS A WONDERFUL WAY OF MARRYING A REALLY STICKY SOIL WITH ANY KIND OF DRY ORGANIC MATTER.

ONCE THESE TWO ARE MIXED, WE CAN SHAPE OR MOULD THE SLOP IN ANY SHAPE THAT WE WANT! BRICKS, BLOCKS, PANELS, PLANKS OR EVEN THE TAJ MAHAL..

WE SHALL NOW TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT HOW WE COULD MAKE SOME SERENE LOOKING BLOCKS, THESE LIGHTWEIGHT BLOCKS ARE EXCELLENT INSULATION AND ARE REALLY STRONG (AND FUNKILY SHAGGY!!).

HERE WE GO!

FIRST, WE NEED SOME
ORGANIC MATTER
WE CAN USE LOTS OF
DIFFERENT KINDS OF
STUFF.



STRAW, HUSK, CHAFF,
SAWDUST, WOOD
SHAVINGS, LEAF LITTER,
PLANT FIBER OR A MIX
OF THE ABOVE.





THEN WE NEED SOME
SOIL
THE SOIL THAT WE NEED
SHOULD BE AS STICKY
AS POSSIBLE.
SO A REALLY CLAYEY
SOIL IS IDEAL FOR
MAKING THE CLAY SLIP, A
SOUP MADE BY ADDING
WATER TO THE SOIL.

FOR WHICH, A REGULAR CONCRETE
MIXER WORKS JUST FINE



AND THEN MEDITATE.



JUST CHUCK SOME SOIL AND WATER IN



WHILE YOU LET HER GARGLE...

((((GGRRRBBBBLLLLLAAAARRGGG)))*

* GARGLING SOUND



THEN GENTLY POUR THE SOUP IN



AND STIR THINGS UP A BIT



UNTIL WE GET AN EVEN TEXTURE

(INTERLUDE BEGINS)

THE MOULD

YOU CAN MAKE A WOODEN
OR METALLIC MOULD OF ANY
SHAPE AND SIZE TO SUIT
YOUR CONTEXT. THE BLOCKS
CAN BE LARGER THAN USUAL
SINCE THEY WILL BE QUITE
LIGHT WHEN DRY.

(INTERLUDE ENDS)





NOW THE EVENLY
TEXTURED SLOP CAN BE
POURED INTO THE MOULD IN
LAYERS- EACH OF WHICH
NEEDS TO BE COMPACTED
A BIT BEFORE YOU THROW
THE NEXT LOT IN.
THIS WE REPEAT UNTIL
OUR MOULD OF JOY
RUNNETH OVER..



1. SO, FILL THE SLOTS YOU WANT



3. PICK THE MOULD UP EVENLY



5. REPEAT THE APPRECIATION



2. STAND BACK AND APPRECIATE



4. AND THE BLOCKS SCOPOCH OUT!



6. THEN REPEAT THE PROCESS!



AND VOILA!

KEEP AT IT UNTIL YOU EITHER
GET THE AMOUNT OF BLOCKS YOU
NEED, OR YOU BREAK YOUR BACK.

WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

REMEMBER TO ASSIST THE
BLOCKS TO THEIR SIDES AND

THEN TO THEIR FEET,

SUCCESSIVELY, AFTER A FEW
DAYS. ALLOW THEM TO SUNBATHE

LUXURIOUSLY UNTIL DRY.



NOW YOU'RE READY TO BUILD A WALL!



WITH GOOEY MUD MORTAR



AND TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS TOO

WALLS THAT ARE EXCELLENT
INSULATION- TO KEEP THE
HEAT/COLD EITHER IN/OUT- TO
SUIT YOUR PURPOSE!
THESE WALLS CAN HAVE REGULAR
DOORS AND WINDOWS FITTED TO
THEM AND CAN BE MUD PLASTERED
AND FINISHED TO GIVE ANY LOOK
THAT YOU WANT.
THEY ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO
BEAR THE WEIGHT OF A ROOF TOO!



A close-up photograph of dry, cracked, and crumbly brown soil. The soil is dark brown and has a highly textured, fragmented appearance with many small, irregular clumps and deep cracks. The lighting is natural, highlighting the rough, uneven surface.

SO AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S ALL QUITE ELEMENTARY!



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