

Making Molds

This is part two of a two part article.

In my last article we covered how to pour your own plastic and what you needed. Now we will cover how to make that new creation that you have often wondered how.

OK, you have a bait that works for you but the color is hard to find? Simple, make your own mold. How you ask? Well I am gonna tell ya. Take your bait either as a single bait or as many as you can get on the glass. You must remember to not make it so huge it won't fit under the mold or is difficult to maneuver around the pouring pot. Now you want to super glue it/them to a piece of glass. Yes it must be glass so the down side will be smooth. Now take a couple pieces of wood or something similar and make a frame around you're glued on molds on the piece of glass. Make sure it is deep enough to cover the baits thoroughly.

OK, now we have the mold made so let's mix up the mold material. You will need some regular ole Plaster Paris that is used around the house. Pour it into a plastic bowl. Now slowly add water till you get the mixture about the same thickness as pancake mix. You also want to make sure you get it mixed good to avoid lumps or chunks appearing in the finished product. Once you have it mixed pour very slowly over the top of your baits making sure you fill all the voids and cavities. Now you have it poured, let it sit. I know your anxious by now and are in a hurry to pour, but for best results let the mold dry for at least 24 hours.

OK, now it's day two and your mold is complete, well almost☺. Now you need to remove it from the glass and put a finish on it. Slowly remove the framing from around the mold. Now slowly pull it loose from the glass. Turn it over and the cavities should be exposed for your inspection. Once you have inspected the mold and your confident it is free of imperfections let's put a finish on it.

Lay your mold out on a piece of wood or glass or what ever you like to avoid any overspray from painting the mold. Go to your local Auto parts store and purchase some high heat resistant engine enamel. Head back to the house and get it painted. Spray the mold liberally with the enamel to make sure it has a nice even coat of paint inside the cavities, not to much though as to fill in the fine details of the bait. A little tip to help insure the entire thing is covered. Spray a little of the paint inside the lid and use a q-tip to hit the hard to reach areas. Now again we must let it dry for 24 hours. I highly suggest making several molds @ the same time. There, now your molds are complete and you can start making your own baits.

The sky is the limit on what you create. You can take two different baits and make one by simply cutting them and super gluing them together and casting a mold of it. Once you start making your own baits and molds the process becomes addictive☺.

This process is in no way cheaper to do than buying from your local outdoors shop or tackle dealer, but it is 100 times more rewarding catching fish on something you created or by creating that one color or bait that nobody else has but you. Good luck with your new little vice.

Sincerely, Ray Rigby

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