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PATIO UMBRELLA STAND & PLANTER

I've tried several store-bought bases for my umbrella, but none were strong enough to support my 9-foot patio umbrella on windy days. Here's how I made my own heavy-duty umbrella stand!

Supplies:

- Large pot with a sturdy, flat base
- PVC pipe (mine is 2 feet long)
- Cap for PVC pipe
- Quikrete Fast Setting Concrete Mix, 1.5 50-lb bags
- Potting soil
- Flowers

- Begin by cutting the PVC pipe to about 2 feet long (a handsaw works fine). Add the cap to one end.
- You'll need a large pot. I went to a local greenhouse and asked if I could buy one of the containers they use to hold saplings. They sold me a big used one for \$2. Make sure you choose a container with a wide, flat base so it won't tip over in the wind.
- For this project, I used Quikrete 50 lbs Fast Setting Concrete Mix. It costs about \$5 for a bag at Lowe's, and I used a bag and a half. So my umbrella stand is a sturdy 75 pounds, as opposed to the store-bought bases that only weigh 30.



4) Insert the pipe into the center of the concrete-filled pot. The cap should be at the bottom and the opening at the top. The concrete will start to harden with 5 minutes or so. As it begins to thicken, make sure that the pipe remains vertical and straight.

5) The concrete will be pretty hard after 15 minutes and you can leave it alone then.

6) Allow the concrete to cure overnight. Then add potting soil and flowers on top of the concrete.



7) Add your umbrella and you're set!

