

Monster Mud

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What is Monster Mud? It's pretty simple. It's drywall compound and exterior latex paint. When mixed it creates a hard shell over almost anything you can think of. It's been around a long time and used in many applications. Once you've made your first project, you're completely hooked. It's so much fun to work with and makes your props look amazing and last a long time. I've listed your "shopping list" below. Let's play in the mud!

Shopping List & Supplies

- ♦ Drywall Compound
- ♦ Exterior Latex Paint
- ♦ 5 gallon bucket w/lid
- ♦ Gloves (optional)
- ♦ Paint Tarp
- ♦ Old Clothes (MM stains!)
- ♦ Fabric (old sheets, muslin, burlap, velvet, old clothes.
- ♦ Drywall mixer & drill (optional)
- ♦ Measuring bucket (optional)
- ♦ Project ready for MM
- ♦ Mixing tub (optional)

Recipe

Using your measuring method of choice, scoop up four parts compound and put it in your bucket. Mix one part paint and add it to the compound. I recommend making a large batch all at once. What you don't end up using can be stored for a later project. MM sets up pretty fast if the weather is warm. Make sure you have plenty to work with. You can mix this by hand or with a drywall mixer for your drill. Make sure to mix thoroughly getting out all the lumps. You will see these lumps on your prop if not mixed well. I like a more loose mud to work with. I add a little more paint to mine. I find the looser the mud the better my folds are and it doesn't seem so heavy. Its like more loose pancake batter.



It's time for a dress rehearsal. Once your water is squeezed out, drape it over your prop. Notice how it lays, the folds it creates and how it fits. Now is the time to do any trimming away of extra fabric. Once the mud is on the fabric it gets really heavy and hard to maneuver. Make sure your fabric is completely coated in mud. You don't want bare spots when you pull it out. It's also very important to pick fabric with no color or print. Its sometimes hard to cover. Now is the fun part! There's no right or wrong way to do this. If you don't like the look, peel it off and do it again, however, once it starts to dry it will flake and not look as nice. That's why pre dressing your monster is a very important step.

