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## Blockhead Tools Graphite Molds Corking Recipe

### Need:

Cork Powder for Molds  
Boiled Linseed Oil\*  
Cheap Brush  
Newspaper  
Baking Sifter or Sieve  
Razor Blade  
Optional Glazing Handle  
Oven

### Source

Blockhead Tools, Olympic Color Rods  
hardware store  
hardware store  
newsstand  
grocery store  
hardware store  
hardware store

- Lay out newspaper as a working surface
- Brush linseed oil on interior surfaces of mold with cheap brush
- Invert and let drip on newspaper 1-2 minutes
- Tilt mold around 5 minutes to get an even coat
- Sift thin coat of cork onto mold cavities
- Let sit 30 seconds
- Blow excess cork off
- Scrape seams and faces with razor
- Bake at 350° for 3 hours to a chocolate brown color

### Further advice:

#### First corking of a virgin mold

- Cork per instructions above
- Blow clear glass to "burn in" twice
- Cork again.
- Burn in once
- Good for 400 or so pieces

Mold needs to be wet for blowing.

Subsequent recoats directly over old cork. NEVER scrape off.

Burn in once after each re-corking.

\* **DANGER** Oil soaked paper or rags are dangerous. Please do an internet search for "Spontaneous Combustion of Oily Rags".