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# EMBRACE IMPERFECTION



At Sandy Leaf Farm we want crafting your own homewares at home to be easy and enjoyable. We've written this guide book to allow you to understand the history and process of kintsugi.

We hope you enjoy repairing your ceramics as much as we enjoyed developing the recipes. If you ever need any help we're just a message away via our help center on our website.

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# KINTSUGI 101



Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken ceramics with gold lacquer. It is a manifestation of the principle of wabi-sabi, which teaches us to embrace and celebrate imperfection, impermanence and incompleteness. It has its origins in 15th century Japan but its influence on art and design is still strong.

Our kit replaces the traditional lacquer with a two part epoxy resin which is much easier to use and produces a strong bond. We have included two small china bowls to practice on, so you can refine your skills before repairing more precious items such as plates, bowls and vases. Read the safety notices before starting.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

Please read the below safety information carefully before starting to repair your ceramics.

The kit is only to be used by adults.

The finished bowl is for decorative use only and should not be placed in contact with food. The bowl will not be dishwasher or microwave safe.

## USING THE GLUE SAFELY

In order to make sure that the finished product is very solid and so the drying time is relatively short, the kit includes a very strong glue. Please read the below safety notices **very carefully**.

**Contains:** Vinyl Acetate, Methyl Methacrylate.

Highly flammable liquid and vapour. Causes skin irritation. May cause respiratory irritation. Keep out of reach of children. Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. Wear protective gloves/ eye protection. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.

**Warning:** Adhesive can bond skin and eyes in seconds. Always direct the tube away from face and body when opening. Wear protective clothing, eye wear and gloves during use.

# LET'S GET REPAIRING!

With this kit you'll be able to repair your own ceramics with beautiful gold glue. Before you start repairing any precious items, please do have a practice with the small bowls included in the kit. While the kit is easy to use, you'll definitely get a better result after a practice or two.

Before you start, read the safety notices on the previous page.

## Breaking the practice bowls:

1. Wrap one bowl in several layers of the cotton fabric, leaving enough fabric to be able to hold onto it firmly.
2. In a single movement break the bowl against a hard surface, a stone floor works well. Only use the minimum amount of force needed to break the bowl, which should leave you with just a few large clean pieces. Don't worry if it's not perfect, embrace the imperfection. We know getting a clean break can be tricky, so we have included two bowls for you to practice on.

## Repairing the bowls:

3. Assemble the bowl in your hand so you get an idea how the pieces go together and what would be the best order to assemble them in. We recommend starting from the largest piece. Lay out the pieces in the clear order onto a table.
4. Make sure your work space is properly ventilated.

5. Pierce the top of the part A glue tube using the end of the cap and squeeze to fill one of the Part A circles on the glue mixing card.
6. Scoop a small amount of gold powder onto the glue and mix well. The pigment is very strong so you only need a small amount. Adding too much may effect the strength of the glue.
7. Pierce the top of the part B glue tube using the end of the cap and squeeze to fill the circle next to the part A glue, and then mix the glues together. It will now start setting so you should act quickly here.
8. Using the plastic spreader place a line of glue evenly onto the first edge you'll be working on. You are aiming to use just enough gold glue to squeeze a little out when joining two pieces together. Don't worry if a larger amount squeezes over the edges, it'll set solid and still look great. Hold the two pieces together for 30-60 seconds depending on the size of the section. Carry on joining pieces together until the glue mixture has finished or has set.
9. Repeat steps 5-8 until the bowl is assembled.
10. Leave 24 hours for the glue to fully set.

### **Hints & tips:**

- If the glue on the card is setting before you're ready to glue the second or third piece, reduce the amount of glue you're mixing each time.
- The glue works best with ceramics, but it will also bond metals, plastic, wood, and glass!



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