

# **Pregnancy/Torso Kit**

#### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully before beginning.

#### This Life Casting Kit Includes:

- BodyGel<sup>™</sup> 880 Alginate
- LiquiStone<sup>TM</sup> (large bag)
- LiquiStone™ (small bag)
- Cholesterol (small bag)
- Plaster Bandages (8 rolls)
- Thermometer
- Instructions
- Safety Data Sheets



#### You will also need:

- Water at 80°F/27°C
- Petroleum Jelly
- Chip Brush
- Turbine Mixer
- Cordless Drill
- Measuring Cup
- Mixing Bucket
- Scissors
- Plastic Knife



\*Note: It is recommended to wear a dust mask when working with any powdered material.



#### STEP 1: Making a Plaster Frame



The resin model shown in this instructional booklet is of an adult female that is approximately 8 months pregnant.



Cholesterol is brushed along the perimeter of the area that will be molded, about 2 inches (5 cm) in width. Area to cover is highlighted in the picture above.



Prepare multiple plaster bandages approximately 12 inches (30cm) in length and at least 3 layers thick.



Apply plaster bandages along the perimeter of the area that will be molded, following the cholesterol covered areas to create a framework of plaster around the model.

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#### **STEP 2: Making the Alginate Mold**



Check the temperature of the water using the supplied thermometer to be sure it is at 80°F/27°C.



Measure out 75 oz (2 L) of water. If you have HARD water or need to use a filter for your water, use bottled water.



Transfer water into a mixing bucket and then slowly sift alginate into the water.



Mix the alginate and water using a turbine mixer and a variable speed drill.



After drill mixing, hand mix the material using a flat, square-edged mixing stick. Scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing bucket to ensure a thorough mix.



Fully mixed alginate material will be smooth and thick. The material is now ready for applying onto the model to make the mold.



# STEP 2: Making the Alginate Mold



Apply alginate to the model by hand. Start at the top of the model and spread the material across the entire surface. Add additional material as needed.



Allow alginate to cure in 8 minutes at room temperature (73°F/23°C). You will know the alginate is cured when it is firm and no longer gel-like.



After alginate is cured, use a plastic butter knife to carefully trim about 1 inch off the perimeter of the mold to expose the plaster frame beneath.



Apply plaster bandages to make a support shell for the alginate mold. Be sure to overlap the bandages over the plaster frame to encapsulate the mold.



Allow the plaster to cure for about 6 minutes at room temperature (73°F/23°C) or until firm. Carefully remove the mold from the model.



Mold is now ready for casting. Alginate molds are temporary, so cast into the mold immediately!

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## **STEP 3:** Casting LiquiStone™ Gypsum Cement



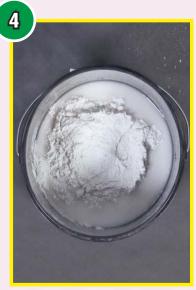
Brush a liberal amount of petroleum jelly to the inner side of the plaster frame to prevent LiquiStone™ from sticking to the plaster.



Measure 25 oz (0.74 L) of water and transfer to a mixing bucket.



Slowly sift LiquiStone™ into the water.



LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> is allowed to soak in the water for about 3 minutes before mixing.



Mix the LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> and water using a turbine mixer and a variable speed drill.



After drill mixing, hand mix the material using a flat, square-edged mixing stick. Scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing bucket to ensure a thorough mix.



#### **STEP 3:** Casting LiquiStone™ Gypsum Cement



LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> is applied by hand into the alginate mold. Spread the material evenly across the mold cavity. Add material as needed to fill the mold until a thickness of about .375" (.95 cm) is achieved.



Work the LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> up to the edge of the alginate mold, concentrate thicker amounts along the edges and high points of the mold, but **DO NOT spread the LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> over the plaster frame!** 



Allow LiquiStone<sup>™</sup> to fully cure for 3 hours at room temperature (73°F/23°C).



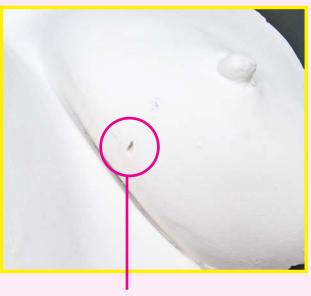
Carefully remove the LiquiStone™ casting from the mold. Allow the casting to air dry for 2 hours before handling.

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# STEP 4: Repairing the Casting

Small defects
in the surface of
the cured casting
can be easily
repaired using
the small packet
of LiquiStone™
included in the
Pregnancy/Torso Kit.



In this example, a small defect formed under the breast in the finished casting.



Dispense a small amount of LiquiStone™ into a clean mixing container.



Add a tiny amount of water and mix it to create a paste.



A small amount of LiquiStone™ is applied to the area to be fixed.



Use your finger to smooth and wipe away any excess material. Repaired area cures in 3 hours.









The Accu-Cast™ Pregnancy/Torso Kit contains everything you need to easily and quickly create your very own lifecastings.

Included in this kit are the BodyGel™ 880 Alginate and LiquiStone™ Gypsum Cement.



This instruction booklet shows you step-by-step how to make an accurate reproduction of a pregnant torso model. The alginate mold material is intended for lifecasting, but we demonstrate the technique using a resin model for the purposes of this instruction booklet.