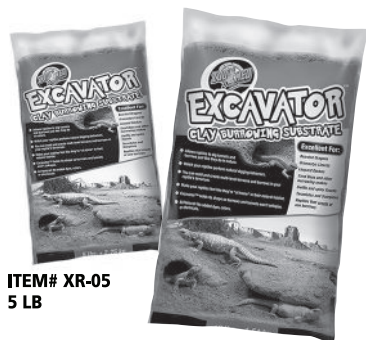


If your landscape isn't what you envisioned or you wish to change your habitat, Excavator can be re-wet and remolded. For more ideas and a detailed tutorial please see our video at www.zoomed.com/excavator. If you need additional Excavator for more elaborate landscaping it is available in these sizes:



ITEM# XR-05
5 LB

ITEM# XR-10 10 LB



ITEM# XR-20
20 LB

ITEM# XR-25
25 LB



CLEANING:

Spot clean substrate as necessary. If the substrate becomes heavily soiled or a foul odor persists, replace with new substrate. Do not rinse the substrate under running water as this will remove the clay and it will not be moldable!

WARNING:

Not for use with Under Tank Heaters (thick and/or dense substrate may cause excess heat to build-up). Avoid getting wet Excavator substrate on clothes or any household items as staining may occur.



OTHER RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:



MOPANI WOOD



FOOD DISHES



WATER DISHES

THERMOMETER and HUMIDITY GAUGES



INSTRUCTIONS

for XRK-1



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INTRODUCTION:

Thanks for purchasing Zoo Med's Cavern Kit in which you can enhance your animals' habitat by creating cavers, dens, caves, burrows, tunnel and so much more! Providing a natural habitat is very beneficial to the health and well-being of your pets. Caverns and caves provide hiding places that help pets feel secure and promotes natural behaviors like climbing and digging. Caverns and burrow can help provide micro climates within the habitat to ensure that animals have a temperature and humidity gradient.

KIT INCLUDES:

1. 12 lbs. Excavator Clay Burrowing Substrate
2. Shovel (for mixing)
3. Mixing bag (for easy cleanup)
4. Two 5 inch balloons (for building caverns and caves)
5. Two 9 inch balloons (for building bigger caverns and caves)
6. Five inch tunnel tube (for building tunnels)
7. String and holding stick (to pull the balloon out of the tube, we'll explain it later)

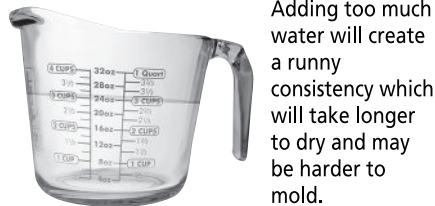


LET'S GET STARTED:

STEP 1: Remove all the kit components from the box. Use the included bag to mix your Excavator for easy cleanup. Roll the edge of the bag over the box. If desired use gloves to keep your hands clean.



STEP 2: Gradually add 3 cups of water. Mix thoroughly adding one cup of water at a time until a moldable consistency is achieved.



Adding too much water will create a runny consistency which will take longer to dry and may be harder to mold.

STEP 3: Blow up the desired balloon and tie it to the string. Run the stick and string through the tunnel tube. This will help you remove the balloon from the cavern once the Excavator has dried.



STEP 4: Place the balloon and tunnel tube in the desired location within your terrarium. Remember that the tunnel will be your pet's entrance to the cavern so place it where it will be easily accessible.



STEP 5: Add the prepared Excavator over the balloon and tunnel tube and form the landscape as desired. Make sure you build the Excavator around the balloon and tunnel to make a stable foundation so that once the balloon is deflated the cavern does not collapse.



STEP 6: Use the remaining Excavator to enhance your landscape, making burrows, backgrounds, mounds etc. Let your imagination run wild!



STEP 7: Once the Excavator has dried and the balloon is deflated, pull the string from the tube to remove the balloon. Note: Popping the balloon may result in parts of the balloon remaining in the cavern, be sure to remove all balloon parts before placing your pet in the terrarium.

IDEAS:

Use the balloons to create burrows:



Alternately use the tube to make a passage:



Use pieces of wood to create ledges or climbing branches. Place artificial plants:



Pile up Excavator to create Termite Mounds:

