

RAMESES PLANTER

Use terra cotta pots to make this fun Rameses planter, adding a Tar Heel touch to your indoor herb garden, balcony or porch planter setup.

SUPPLIES

- Rameses Planter template (last page of this document)
- 2, 4-inch terra cotta pots
- 4, 1 ½-inch terra cotta pots
- white, black, light pink and light blue acrylic paint (I recommend using outdoor acrylic craft paint if available.)
- hot glue gun
- pencil
- fabric scissors
- 2, 12-inch pieces of wide yellow wired ribbon
- 2 pieces of cream/white twine, about 4 feet each
- paint brushes (I recommend a few different sizes so that you have a variety to work with, including a small sponge brush and a thinner brush for detail)
- cup of water and paper towels (for cleaning your brushes when switching to a new color)
- tablecloth or some other protective covering for your work space
- optional – finishing spray/medium such as Mod Podge or any other medium that works to protect outdoor acrylic crafts/pots from weathering



INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Paint the foundation for the head:** Using the sponge brush, begin by painting one of the 4-inch pots white. Set aside to dry (should only take about 10 minutes) before painting an additional layer (if needed – you'll know based on whether or not you can still see the brown of the pot showing through the paint). Set aside and let dry completely, then use the template and a pencil to sketch on the face of the ram.



- 2. Paint the hands and the feet:** While the foundation of the head is drying, use white paint to paint two of the 1 ½-inch pots white, and paint the other two 1 ½-inch pots black. Let dry and paint additional layers if needed. Set aside.



- 3. Sketch the jersey/shorts:** Using the template as your guide, sketch the jersey/rest of the body for Rameses onto the second 4-inch pot (turn the pot right-side down for this step). Set aside.



- 4. Paint the face/ears:** Once completely dried and using the template as your guide, sketch the face and ears of the ram onto the white 4-inch terra cotta pot (keep the pot right-side up). Once complete, use a small detail brush to paint the face and ears. Set aside to dry.



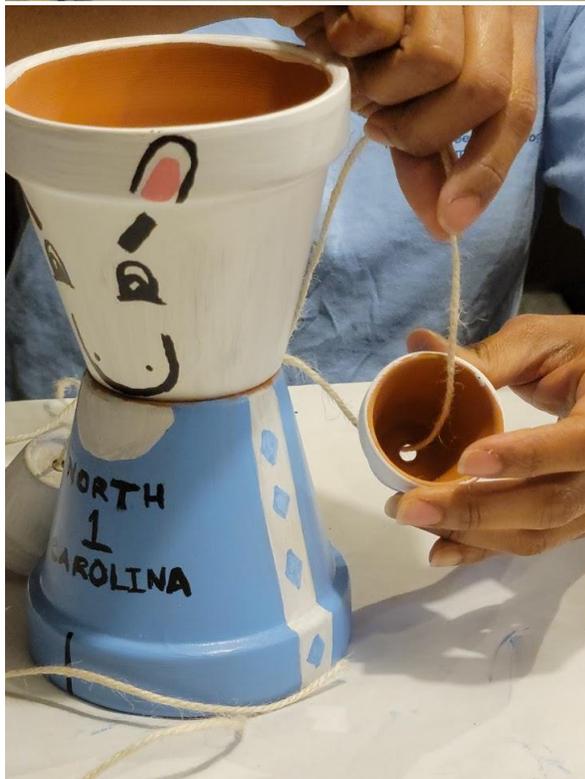
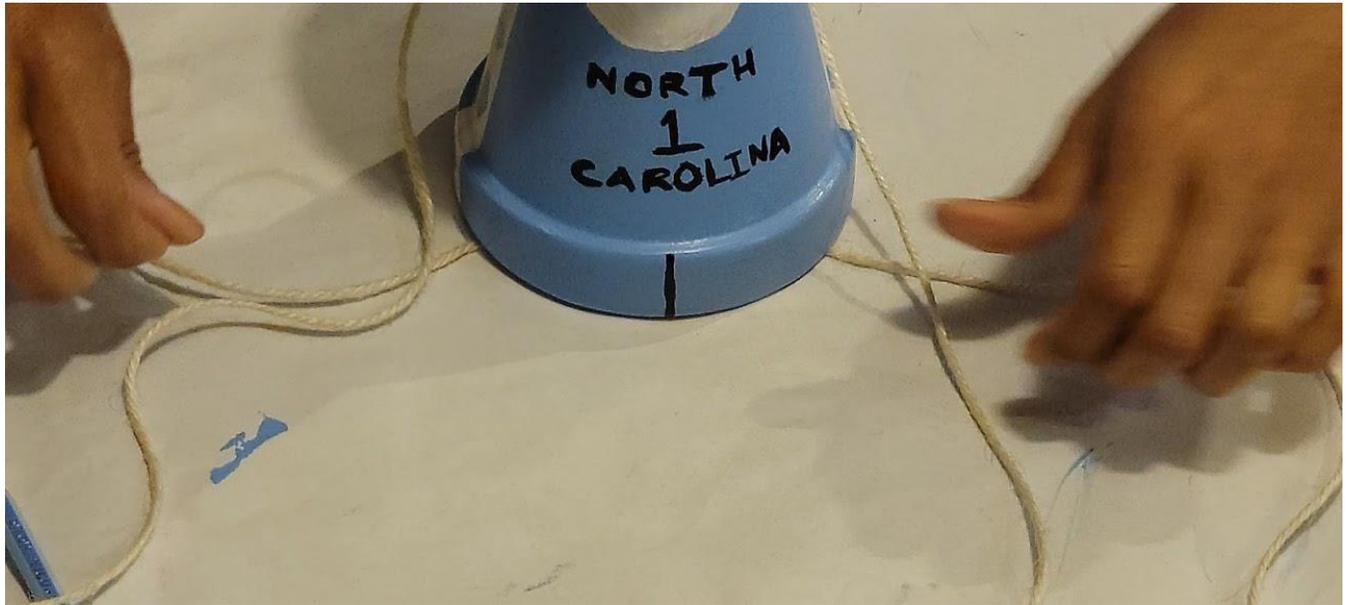
5. **Paint the jersey/shorts:** Using the template as your guide, paint the foundation of the jersey and shorts. You'll want to do this in stages, starting with the neck (front and back), followed by the front of the jersey, then the sides (white stripes only to start...you'll come in later to add the diamonds for the argyle). Paint additional coats as needed, then let dry completely before painting on the remaining details (words on the jersey, lines for the shorts, argyle diamonds). ***Note – for the detail, you may find it helpful to sketch it with a pencil first.** Let dry completely.



6. **Optional step:** Once all pieces have completely dried, spray them with your finishing medium, giving them a protective coating. Let dry completely.
7. **Assemble the planter:** Stack the ram head (right-side up) onto the body (right-side down). Take both pieces of twine, evenly fold them in half, and pull them through the bottom of the jersey portion of the body, creating a loop at the top of the planter with the twine. Continue to pull the twine loops up through the bottom of the ram head. Knot the loops together as many times as needed to prevent them from coming out of the holes of the pots.



- a. **Create the arms/hands:** Once this step is completed, pull one set of the twine strings up through the hole of the bottom (jersey) pot. The pieces should now be hanging from the bottom of the head. Thread one of the pieces of twine into the bottom of one of the 1 ½-inch white pots. Pull the twine through and create as many knots as needed to secure the pot to the twine so that the twine does not slip through the hole of the pot. Cut off any excess twine that might be sticking out of the pot. Use these same instructions to assemble the other hand.



- b. Assemble the feet:** Using the same instructions for assembling the hands, assemble the feet (black 1 ½-inch pots) to the remaining two pieces of twine.



- c. Create the ram horns:** Using a hot glue, secure one of the pieces of the yellow ribbon to the inside of the ram head (about 1-inch into the pot). Use your hands to twist/shape the ribbon into a horn-like structure. Repeat this step with the remaining ribbon.



- 8. Get growing!** Now you're ready to use your planter. Enjoy!

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