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Hunter introduces the fundamentals of concrete within the context of craft, familiarizing novices with the tools, equipment, mixing methods, and safety precautions used with the most common general-purpose cement, Portland Type I. She moves from a brief history to discussions of aggregates such as pea gravel and marble chips to mixing and finishing, woodworking, and metalworking. Starting with the basic mix, readers will find recipes for 21 varieties, and an initial project: casting a simple bowl. Hunter moves on to flexible molds and various core materials used to produce landscape statuary and concrete columns. The basics of cement carving are covered, as are techniques for texturing the surfaces of outdoor chairs and garden sculpture. Each of 25 projects, advancing from beginning to intermediate and advanced, is explained step-by-step, while color photographs of details and settings enhance the imaginative possibilities suggested in this valuable garden craft volume. *Whitney Scott*

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