

How to Make a Homemade Olla

You'll need:

- Unglazed clay pots
- Unglazed clay saucers
- Glass beads or rubber stopper
- Gorilla Glue
- Silicone Caulk

Directions:

1. 4" x 6" clay pots work well. For the double pot olla, buy two clay saucers that are just big enough to cover the bottom. For the single pot olla, buy a clay pot big enough to cover the top of the pot.
2. Wipe your clay pots clean with a damp sponge and let dry.
3. Very carefully—[because this stuff is dangerous](#)—put glue on the top lip of the clay pot.



For the single pot, place the pot on the saucer on the glue and let dry.



For the double pot, balance another clay pot on the first as shown in the picture and let dry.



Glue a small saucer to the bottom of the double olla. This will keep water the water in.

4. Decorate your olla tops. The top will help prevent water from evaporating on those hot days.



5. Time to caulk, baby.



A damp sponge will go a long ways towards smoothing out any mistakes.



Let the caulk harden.

When it's hard (stop), fill with water and check for leaks. If you find any seepage, fill with caulk.
6. Sink your olla in your garden between plants. Fill with water and top with your decorative topper. Keep checking your olla to be sure that it has water in it. The roots of your plants will eventually go towards the olla, seeking moisture.

