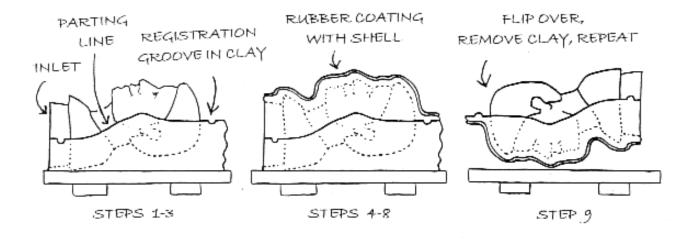
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For quick and inexpensive rubber molds, use silicone sealer in 10 oz. rigid caulking tubes:

- 1. Always prepare your pattern: seal any cracks and attach to a board if necessary.

 Determine and note parting lines, and number of mold sections necessary.
- 2. Build clay around prepared pattern, up to the parting line, including inlet for pour spout.
- 3. Make a registration groove, or any other keys, in the clay.
- 4. Apply appropriate parting agent: brush on petroleum jelly and/or use a spray release.
- 5. Put 1-2 tablespoons of Dawn blue dish-detergent into a bucket of slightly warm water.
- 6. Spread some Dawn onto your hands as a release agent. Keep repeating during process.
- 7. Squirt 3 pumps of 'GE Silicone I (not II) 100% Clear Silicone Rubber Sealant, for Windows and Doors.' caulk into the water. Gather the strands and form a 'patty' in your palm. Spread over your prepared pattern. Be careful to eliminate air bubbles and avoid water droplets. Repeat above steps as necessary, until at least ¼" thick for small pieces, up to ½" for larger pieces. Several layers of cheesecloth may be imbedded—after applying ¼" layer of silicone. Press pre-cut strips over silicone, then add layers of silicone to encase cheesecloth.
- 8. When silicone has cured and is firm to the touch, make a plaster-and-jute mother mold.
- 9. Turn over, remove clay, clean pattern and repeat steps 4-9 for each section.



Multiple-section Polyurethane 'Brush-on' rubber molds:

Steps 1-4: Same as above. Obtain D&S Brush-On 40 polyurethane rubber or equivalent.

Step 5: Apply a coat of thin rubber with brush, until about 1/16 inch. Wait 20-30 minutes to firm up.

Step 6: Apply coats of <u>thick</u> rubber (10 oz. ea.) with spatula, up to 1/4 inch. (Add 1 part 'Kick-It' per 100 parts of B to accelerate the curing time, and mix.) *Then* add 8 parts of A per 10 parts B by weight (or 10 to 10 by volume). Use 'Dry-It' to prolong shelf-life of Part A.

Step 7: Allow to cure for 2-12 hours, depending on the amount of accelerator added to part B. Steps 8-9: *Same as above*. Note: Apply spray release to polyurethane rubber before adding shell.

RESOURCES: GE Silicone I: **Orchard Supply**. Supplies such as rubber, releases, accelerators, etc: **Douglass & Sturgess**, 730 Bryant St., SF, CA, M-F 9-6. 1-888-ART-STUF or <u>www.artstuf.com</u>