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Decorated concrete figures have recently moved out of the realm of eccentric folk art and roadside religious "grottoes" into mainstream yards and gardens. Here are projects by several designers for making mosaic stepping stones, birdbaths, carved planters, and art figures. The projects are grouped by skill level and offer step-by-step instructions on how to mix concrete, make molds, and embed mosaics. The finished products are heavy, year-round installations intended to stay where they are placed. This is a good, practical book for public library craft and garden collections.

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