

How to Make a Sod Sofa



1. PLAN AND DESIGN

Think of the shape, size, and location of the sofa you would like to create. Take accurate measurements of the location you have selected and decide on dimensions for your sofa. It often helps to draw everything out on paper. *Hint: BE CREATIVE!!*

2. CREATE THE FORM

Using shovels, trowels, tampers, hands, and feet, shape top soil into the desired form. Wetting the soil helps to hold the sofa in place and prevents erosion. Be sure to start with more soil than you will need for the size of the sofa because it will settle and compact.



3. APPLY THE SOD

Roll out fresh sod to cover your form. Applying the sod is like completing a puzzle. Cut pieces to fit the shape of your form. Try to use as many continuous pieces of sod as possible. Fewer cuts give a more continuous look.

4. WATER AND ENJOY!

Your sofa will need to be watered frequently for the first few weeks after construction, especially during hot weather. Be sure to take photos of your beautiful new "LIVING" room. Enjoy!



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