



## 10 DIY TIPS FROM MONK



### Step Basics:

- #1** Find a spot. If your plans are big Make sure it's Gonna be a go. If it's something small, just go for it.
- #2** Saw cut, grade and compact. Use water and a hand tamper if you can't rent a plate compactor. Compaction is critical. Allow room for 4" minimum concrete.
- #3** Install forms with stakes "outside" your pour.
- #4** Dowell into existing slab. Rotohammer holes the size of your rebar, 6 to 8 " deep and a minimum of 2" below finish grade every foot. pound em in, overlap Steel reinforcement 18". Tie steel 1 ft on center. Or use fiber mesh concrete. It's still a good idea to Dowell in.
- #5** Mix concrete. Or call a truck. You'd be surprised they'll deliver that shit anywhere you can fit a truck as long as someone is paying for it. A 6 sack exterior mix, 3/8" rock is good enough. Smaller rock is easier to float. They usually have a 2 yard minimum. 2 yards covers 18 ft x 18 ft at 4" thick.
- #6** Wood float or magnesium float down the rocks. Press lightly if it's wet. You don't spread it around, you use your tool to show you where the holes are. Sprinkle Crete in holes. It's called broadcasting. Scrub the bumps into the holes. Don't over work it. Give it time to bone up a little.
- #7** Steel Trowell finish. Use a pool Trowell. Keep your Trowell as flat as possible. Don't use a lot of edge until the Crete gets harder. Leave it furry looking. That cream will buff out on the final passes. Don't use too much water while you Finnish You'll wash all the cream away and make it sandy and weak. Use a little though it will help so you don't have to press so hard and lump it up. Use 2 hands on your Trowell for the final passes.
- #8** Give it a day. **#9** Tear forms **#10** Repeat

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