

Constructing a Simple PVC Cheese Mould

You can purchase cheese moulds from many of the cheese making suppliers like the ones I've shown in section one or you can construct a simple mould yourself. Here is a simple mould you can construct from PVC pipe from most hardware stores and a small HDPE cutting board from the Dollar Store that will only cost you only a few dollars.

List of parts

1 length of food grade PVC pipe 4 or 6 inches diameter and at least 6 inches high

1—small 1/2 thick HDPE cutting board

Directions:

Lay the pipe down on the cutting board and carefully trace the inside of the PVC pipe onto the cutting board staying as close to the outside as possible. You will need two of these so trace it twice. Save the scraps you can use the remaining board as a platform or another follower later.

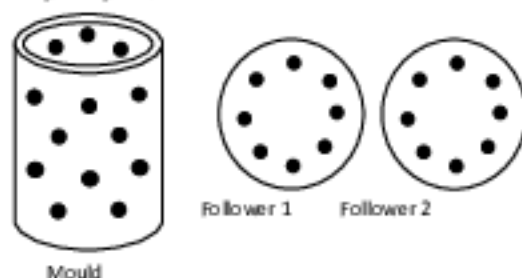
Cut out the circle you just traced as closely as you can. This will be your follower.

Drill several holes around the follower about 1/2 a part. Avoid drilling directly in the center of the circle that will weaken the follower.

Finally drill several holes around the pipe about 1/2 inch apart. Be very careful the drill will slip easily on the round surface of the pipe. It is best to use something to hold the pipe as you drill it such as a vice.

When you are done it should look something like this:

Completed parts:



Now you can find a can or and smaller pipe that fits inside the tube and stack weight on top to press cheese or continue on and purchase or construct a cheese press.