

# Sand Vessel Care & Waterproofing

Ortu Lucis — the one-page finishing routine behind every piece

## The routine

1. Clean — brush off loose sand; compressed air for cavities.
2. Seal — penetrating sealer, two thin coats (not one thick coat).
3. Cure — full cure at room temperature. Rushing this is the usual failure.
4. Liner (if wet) — fit a removable food-contact liner for anything holding water or soil.
5. Dry test — wipe, weigh, wait 30s, wipe again. No darkening, no weight change = pass.

## What “waterproof” means here

A finished sand shell is stain- and mark-resistant, not a tank. It won't weep from humidity or a damp cloth. It will eventually take on water if you fill it and walk away — which is why the liner exists.

## Shell + liner split

The sand shell does the look and structure. The liner does the wet work — water, soil, drainage. Display and dried flowers: seal the outside, done. Live plants or fresh flowers: use a removable liner.

## Care

Shell: wipe with a damp cloth, don't soak. Liner: rinse after use; empty the tray and refresh soil on your normal schedule. Liners are cheap; the shell outlasts many of them.