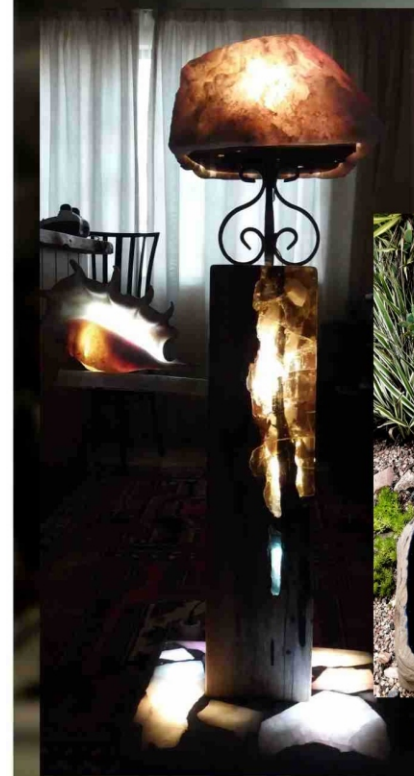




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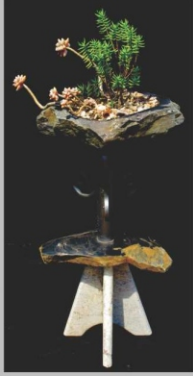


A picture journey

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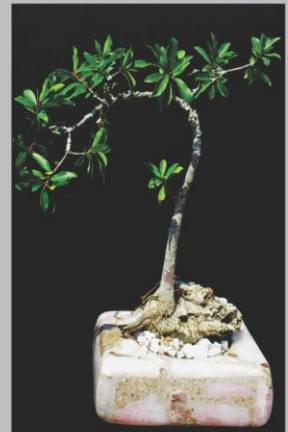
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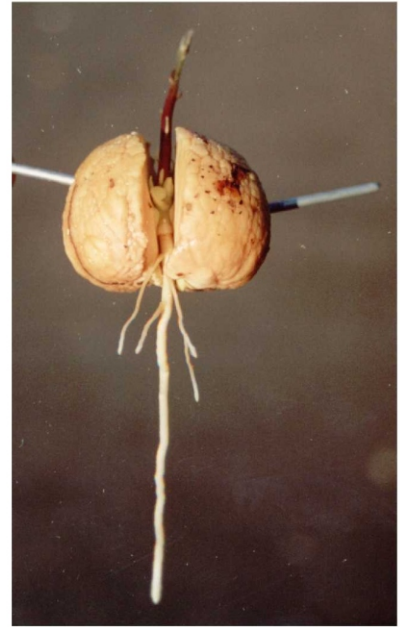
A picture journey of three seeds. Cultivate and nurture your very own tree and turn it into a creation of beauty



uniquely rocks philosophy is that of innovation and 'out the ordinary'. Hopefully we can inspire visitors to try something different. All of what you see on uniquelyrock.co.za and other avenues has been made with hand held basic tools from the local hardware store and undertaken in our backyard



Grow and nurture your very own avocado tree with only water before planting out. This is probably the easiest seed to cultivate and can either be left to grow into a large tree which will bear fruit or trimmed down as would a bonsai and made into a decorative creation



Mostly roots will grow down regardless of what side is immersed into the water





Cross section showing growth of both roots and stem

Roots will continue to grow into the water. Here we inserted rods superficially into the stem to support it so the roots could continue growing downwards



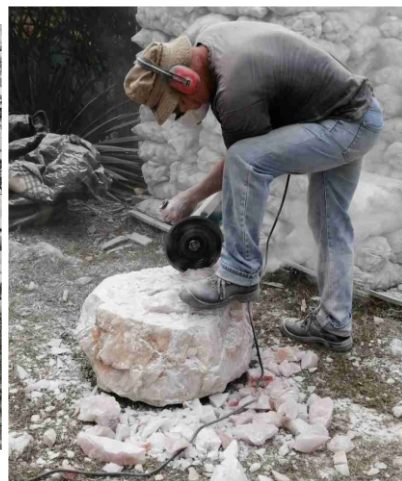
Example 2. The oak tree

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Acorns are slightly more difficult than the Avo pip to germinate. These we placed just under the soil making sure every few days that we applied some water. Other people have placed them on a damp substrate on a window sill and I have also heard of others placing them on/in a wet fabric such as a towel in the fridge until roots appeared. It will depend though on the time of the year you try and germinate them



The large quartz basin (above) with the oak tree in we carved from a solid piece of rose quartz weighing originally around 250kgs (below).

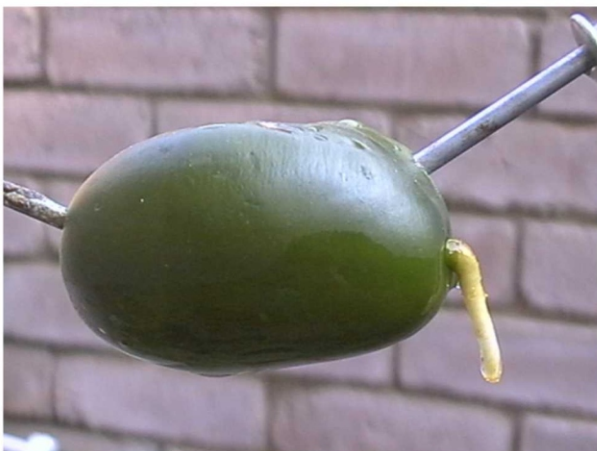


Example three. The chestnut.



Pods that contained the seeds which we germinated by suspending some in water until roots and stems were visible while other we planted just under the surface of potting and growing soil .

I found this pod containing the seeds of the chestnut tree. I opened it and placed some suspended in water and planted some just under the soil. All were kept moist continuously.



Start of the root growing down into the water



Example 4. The fig

The fig is one of the easiest to cultivate and doesn't require a seed. Normally a cutting or young shoot (branch) can be removed and kept wet until roots emerge. Immediately right. A different variety of fig. This one produces small fruit.



The node is often where leaves bud out from, so it's normally best to cut well below this allowing usually a better root strike. Rooting hormone can be used to encourage roots but the fig is typically fairly hardy and as long as it's kept moist (as when growing succulents from a mother plant), roots normally appear after a few weeks.



Above. A fig we grew over a piece of driftwood



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1- cuttings in soil waiting for roots
2- training the stem to grow in a particular direction and also over a rock

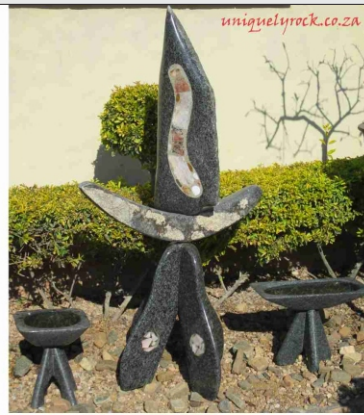
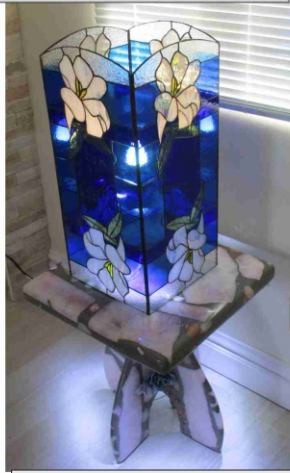
3- awaiting transplant into a suitable container



A few of the figs we have cultivated along with the pots and stands from granite and quartz. Watch uniquelyrock.co.za for our DIY cd showing stage photos of how each product has been created along with a limited edition full color booklet of select images

Examples of what will be appearing on our Cd and book

Examples of what appears in our various 'journeys' and 'products' section



sample

More detailed pictures under the relevant products available



The stain glass (above) we salvaged from a renovated chapel and had a local artist construct the tower



Garden ornament made from three separate items

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Always remember safety equipment



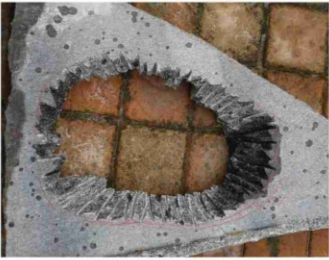
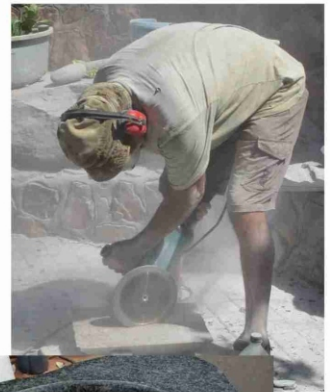
If one intends pinning this to a base and/or a top remember to drill these holes ● before cutting and shaping. If you try to do it afterwards when there is no substance left around the area you run the risk of it breaking and all your work will be lost. So rather destroy it before hand! refer next page for example

1, 2, 3, 4, 5. progress stages in the creation of the granite stand



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we started making the first base of a pyramid then it broke so we cut it down for a bonsai stand using a hollowed out rock as



---and this happened above. so we made a bonsai stand from the outer base instead and hollowed out a rock to accommodate the plant



*1-Raw rocks before cutting slices
2-After shaping
3- After grinding smooth and polishing*

*Left and right--a small table top
bonsai stand and rock plant holder
with underside cover*



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----and then we made this using the two polished rocks instead (right)

