

TO PLANT A HEADSTONE:

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1. Place new stones by the old.



- They come in a cardboard wrapper.
- Double-check the new stone's spelling and information.
- Keep the new stones on the cardboard to prevent grass stains.

2. Remove old stone.



- Remove a round shovel-shaped divot of sod on each side of the old stone.
- Set the sod aside, for eventual re-use.
- Dig down along the stone on each side.

3. Keep it tidy!

- Put the dirt on one of the cardboard stone wrappers.
- Dig one hole about as deep as you can with a shovel.
- The other hole can be about $\frac{2}{3}$ as deep.



4. Become one with the stone!



- Rock the stone to the deep side.
- Shove dirt under the bottom of the stone from the shallow side.
- Then, rock the stone back towards the shallow side.
- Repeat.

5. Let the dirt do the work!



- The stones are heavy!
You don't want to lift them. Trust me!
- As you add dirt, and rock the stone, it will “walk” up out of the hole on its own.
- Soon, the dirt will be back in the holes.

6. And the stone will be out!

- Don't try to pick it up- it's still really heavy!
- Just move the old stone away from the hole, off to one side.



7. That's the tough part!



- Take a few deep breaths.
- Note that you have a nice neat dumb-bell shaped hole.
- Unfortunately, it's now pretty much full of dirt.

8. Destroy the old stone.



- It's easier to move once you've busted it in half.
- Smash the part with the name - you don't want someone's stone to end up for sale at the flea market.
- Beware flying chips.

9. Now set the new stone.

- Tape the handle of a shovel, so you can tell when the hole for the new stone is at the right depth.
- Remember that the new stone will settle about three inches in the first rain.



10. Scoop out the loose dirt.



- You can just do this by hand, or use a garden trowel.
- Again, put the dirt on the cardboard.
- Don't mess up the slot for the stone.

11. “The last full measure...”



- Use the marked shovel to check the depth.
- Make sure the bottom of the slot is even, and wide enough for the base of the stone.
- Note that measuring is a good job for those less fit.

12. Waltz the new stone around.

- Be careful lifting the new stone - use your legs, not your back.
- Do be sure that the face of the stone, with the words on it, is facing in the same direction as all the other stones!



13. Like toast in a toaster!



- Well, like really heavy toast.
- The new marker will just drop, so to speak, like a stone.
- While a friend eyeballs the stone for vertical and level, firm it up with dirt.

14. A little fine tuning.

- Pack the dirt all around.
- Replace the divots.
- I don't know where it goes, but you won't have enough dirt. You'll have to add about one shovel-full.



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