Build A CHEAP DIY Berkey Water Filter (quarter of the price of a Berkey system)

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Berkey water filters are pretty much the most popular water filters for home/family use. Berkey state that the filtration on their products is so effective, virtually no other system can duplicate this performance. The problem is you have to pay a lot for this performance...

But here’s the thing - a quick look on Amazon shows that it will cost in the region of $250-$300 for a family sized Berkey water filter, BUT it also shows that you can purchase a pair of Berkey Replacement Filters for around $55. It is the filters that make the water safe and you can fit these into two five gallon (food grade) containers and add a tap in around five minutes (watch the video!).

You pretty much now have a fully functioning Berkey water filter system for the cost of the replacement Berkey filters, a tap and two food grade five gallon buckets, which add up to around a quarter of the price of a complete Berkey system.

Note: In the video above Steve is using the standard Berkey filters. When I checked on Amazon, judging from the reviews there is clearly an issue with these at present, so I have linked to the Berkey Ceramic filters as these seem a safer bet at the moment. I am assuming that these ceramic filters will fit in the same way as the standard filters, as they both fit the Big Berkey system.

This really is a super simply project and an excellent low cost way to ensure your family has safe drinking water should disaster strike. With this system, you could filter rain water collected from a rain water harvesting system, or rivers/lakes etc.