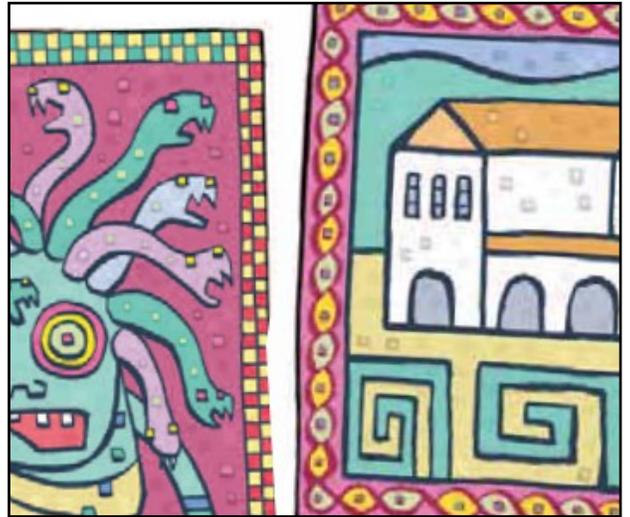


Art Exploration

ROMAN MOSAIC TILES



Create your own design using a pre-made grid, then glue down “tiles” to bring it to life!

Materials Provided:

Grid Template
Pre-cut Tiles
Information Packet

Materials Needed:

Glue
Scissors (optional)
Colored paper (optional)

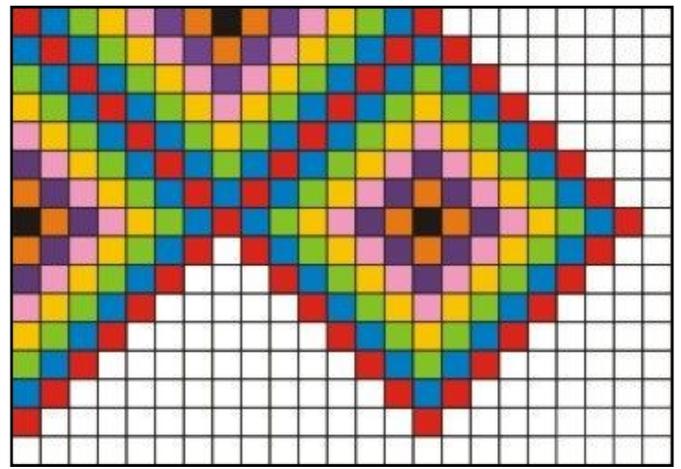
Instructions:

With this project, you'll create a picture using small square pieces of paper, glued together on a grid. This method was used in Ancient Rome, to create stunning works of art using tiles!

1. Begin by finding your grid template. It is the white piece of paper inside this packet, with a grid pattern printed on it in black. **This is where your design will be glued.** You can plan your design by marking off which squares you'd like to cover with a particular color. Or, you can dive right in without a plan, and see what emerges!



2. Once you have a plan mapped out (if using one), start gluing down your colored tiles inside the squares. As you fill the grid, the pattern or picture you designed should start to appear.
3. Tiles squares are provided in five colors for you. If you'd like, you can add more colors using construction paper and scissors. Just trace one of your pre-cut squares onto any colored paper of your choice, to make sure the size is right.
4. For inspiration, or to learn more about Roman mosaic tiling, flip through the information packet provided with your craft.



What Is a Mosaic?

A **mosaic** (Moh-ZAY-ick) is any kind of pattern, picture or design made up of smaller pieces, that together create a single picture. Sometimes all the pieces in a mosaic are the same shape and size, as they are for this project. Other times, they might all be different sizes, shapes and colors.

Mosaics have been around for thousands of years! They were especially popular in Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, and many of these designs are still visible today. Look at the design below, which can be seen in Pompeii, Italy. It's a sign warning visitors to "Beware of the Dog," all done with tiles!



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