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## Garden Mosaics

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## Come & Tray

Fill an open barnwood frame with cut-to-fit scrap wood, and you've got the base for a mosaic-tray stunner. To mimic the look of stained glass, use mosaic tile adhesive to glue down glass rectangle stones and then add black grout in between them.

## Go Green

Mosaic kits—like this gecko one—are made for beginners, but more proficient crafters can get in on the game too by using additional tiles and their own designs to customize their creations (see our right-hand gecko there).



## Sea To Believe

Have a home decor piece that's begging to be embellished? Try seashell chips, like we did on the base of this beauty. Work one side at a time, allowing the mosaic tile adhesive to dry for over an hour before continuing.



## Plant Perfect

Where some see plain planters, we see blank canvases. After combining tiles, pebbles, glass and black grout on our planters (hello, ombre!), we screwed them to a pre-stained wood sign and added some words of encouragement.

## Set In Stone

For number blocks that stake into the ground, try this: Cut two holes in each plastic mold big enough for dowel rods to fit through. Pour cement in, encasing top half of dowel rods. Then, once dry, create your numeric masterpiece. (We used tiles, pebbles and white grout.)





## Steppin' Out

Introduce a little construction-site material to your DIY table—we're talking cement, and you'll find mosaic-specific kind near the grout! The path to stepping stones like ours is simple: Pour prepared cement into molds, push stones and tiles into it as you please, and let it dry.

## Hop To It

When DIY time for Mom results in playtime for the kids, everyone wins. Just combine pebbles (numbers), tiles (outer rims) and grout galore with square wood canvases (numbers 1-5) and an unfinished wood wall decor piece for the top.

**Tip:** Bust out the ruler and compass for this one!



Be sure to firmly secure stepping stones and hopscotch tiles into the ground before use.

## Top Notch

Whether you're sprucing up a premade stool or creating your own from scratch (wood round + metal hairpin legs), you can't go wrong with a mosaic top (tiles, stones and glass + white grout).

*Tip: Paint stool top with tile-matching colors first to increase vibrancy and guide placement.*



### Try These Tricks

Outline perfect-circle guides on your stool with a compass, use tile nippers to cut pieces to size, and grab scaled-down grout and adhesive applicator tools specifically made for mosaics.