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INSPIRATION FOR
MOSAIC CREATIONS.



HOBBY LOBBY

Fill in the central notch of this two-panel board (find it in the bare wood aisle) with grout to create an even surface for the mosaic design.



Bloom

PLANT LIFE

Terracotta is ideal for outdoor mosaic projects, thanks to its all-weather finish. It's a good idea to clean and seal these pieces before applying the glass and grout. That keeps the terracotta from absorbing water, extending the life of the finished project.



FLOWER POWER

For these stained-glass bouquets, try this quick, two-step cutting method: Score the glass pieces with a dry-wheel cutter (no oil needed), then break apart the glass with running pliers, which are specially-designed for glasswork projects.

When working on large surfaces with multiple designs, it's helpful to sketch an outline in pencil before gluing down any glass pieces or tiles.





FULL PLATE

Here's a terrific idea for a group project: Pick up a stack of basic terracotta saucers from the Floral Department, and stock the craft table with adhesive and an assortment of mosaic tiles and gems. Then encourage freestyle beginner-friendly designs that don't require cutters or nippers, and let guests go to town.



Arrange large glass gems into focal points first, then cover the saucer with the smaller tiles.

KEEP IT TABLED

Large wood rounds make terrific mosaic tabletops. Stack two for ideal thickness, adhering them with wood glue. Then attach hairpin table legs (Home Décor Department).

Tip: Apply grout sealer to the finished piece to protect it from weather and daily wear and tear.



TRAY ALL DAY

These black and white patchwork tiles are a sophisticated departure from the colorful flash of traditional mosaics. Keep the look modern and refined by using black grout instead of white.

Base: Slatted wood tray from the bare wood aisle.

SO JAR, SO GOOD

These glass and metal jars went from basic to one-of-a-kind with help from pre-cut, pre-coordinated glass tiles.

The secret to prepping a shiny surface for mosaic work? Apply a primer—it helps the grout bond to the project.






On the cover: Big glass gems are ideal stand-ins for flower petals on this mosaic sign. Sentiment: Homemade stencils, created with stencil blanks and a cutting machine.

STEP IT UP

An assortment of pebbles and river rocks cultivates zen vibes on these beginner-friendly stepping stones—no cutting, gluing or grouting required.

Tip: Work with a mix of sliced and round rocks to create interest without relying on color.

COASTER CHILD



Pour prepared concrete into coaster molds to bring this easy project to the table. Then let the concrete cure for 24 hours before gluing on chic rose gold mosaic tiles—they're ceramic, so you can cut them with wire cutters or sharp scissors. Add grout, and done!



HOME TWEET HOME

Before applying tiles and grout, be sure to pre-drill holes to accommodate hardware, like the metal-knob perches on these birdhouses (the knobs are from the Home Décor department).

Note: The glass pebbles on the chimney were just glued on with tile adhesive. No grouting needed.

ON POINT

The quickest way to a dimensional mosaic project? Premade paper-mâché sculptures, like this potted cactus. The protocol is the same—just glue on the glass, let it dry overnight, and add grout.

Tip: Cut tiles into small pieces to get coverage on curved surfaces.



A RARE BIRD

Try using stained glass pieces—they're bigger than tiles, and they come in irregular shapes—to create stylized designs, like this bluebird.

Shape the glass by scoring it with a glass cutter and carefully breaking it with pliers.

Tip: Basswood is the perfect lightweight canvas for framed mosaics like this one.



MOMENT OF REFLECTION

This mirror, originally framed in dark wood, became a Mediterranean-inspired masterpiece with help from traditional mosaic tiles and a sprinkling of small glass gems called mosaic pebbles. Both the square and triangular pieces come pre-cut and ready to go.

BEE-UTIFUL BOARDS

Wheeled glass nippers are great for cutting tiles into smaller pieces. They work in one motion, eliminating the need for scoring and breaking. That means they speed up the crafting time on intricate pieces like this garden sign.

