

TILE MOSAICS

Materials & Instructions

Materials (Option #1):

- Paper
- Lightweight cardboard or similar material at least as large as your paper
- Pencil
- Ruler or other straight edge about a foot long
- Scissors
- Glue stick or other glue
- Colored pencils or pens
- Old magazines, calendars, etc.
- Old washcloth or clean rag

Instructions:

Draw out a grid on your paper. Create squares just slightly larger than ½ inch or 1 inch. These are easy sizes to work with but you can use any size you choose. The important thing is to be consistent. Glue this to your cardboard or other surface to create a fairly rigid work surface. Let dry.

Decide on the pattern or image you would like to create. Cut your “tiles” from colorful magazines pages, old calendars, etc. If the squares of your grid are just slightly larger than ½ inch cut your tiles using ½ inch measurements. This allows for a bit of spacing between tiles. Doing this will give you a little more forgiving design to work on and also will result in a more tiled looking final product. If using a slightly larger than 1-inch grid cut your tiles at 1 inch.

If you are creating a picture of something it is helpful to use your colored pencils and put a small x of appropriate color in the grid squares to help you lay out your design before you start gluing.

I recommend using glue sticks but you can use any glue. Avoid glue products that are too wet as they may cause your paper to warp. It is very handy to keep the damp cloth next to your work area. The tiles should be face up so you can easily select the right color. They are a little hard to pick up. Moisten the tip of your finger on the cloth and tap on the tile you want. It will stick to your finger long enough to get it positioned on the glue. Press down.

You might also like to do some tile work on three dimensional objects such as small boxes, etc.