

Create a Mosaic

A mosaic is a piece of art made up of small coloured pieces. These pieces can be coloured glass, stone, paper or other materials. The small pieces combine to make one large picture or pattern.

The Ancient Greeks and Romans created mosaic art, some of which we can still see today. They also used mosaics to decorate the floors and walls of their houses.

To make a mosaic, you will need:

- A large piece of paper to put your mosaic on;
- A pencil;
- Small square of different coloured paper (cut paper into strips and then into squares). Different types of paper such as tissue paper, shiny paper and sugar paper look good when used together. You might want to have different shade of the same colour to add depth to your mosaic.
- Scissors;
- Glue.

What to do:

1. Choose what your mosaic is going to be of. It could be a pattern or a picture. Look at the examples on the next page if you need inspiration.
2. Lightly draw your design with a pencil. This will help you know where to place the coloured squares.
3. You may want to arrange your pieces of paper into same-coloured groups.
4. Stick the squares in the right place on your design. You might need to cut the squares into different shapes.
5. Some mosaics have a border of black squares, you may wish to add one when you are finished.

TIP: You may want to research some mosaic designs to draw inspiration from.

