

INTRODUCTION TO MOSAIC CLASS Supply list

The first project will be a 12 x 12 mosaic. You will need to bring your own eye protection and gloves. After the first project you can work on any project of your choice. You will need to purchase all the supplies for your second project. Inexpensive dishes can be purchased at thrift shops and tiles are available through internet stores. I do have some vitreous glass tiles available for purchase.

For your convenience I will have a 12 x 12 stepping stone or a 12 x 12 base suitable to hanging on an inside or outside and vitreous glass tiles available for a material fee of \$20. I encourage creativity in my classes and students are welcome to bring own projects and supplies and are not required to buy materials from me.

***You will need for the first class and all other classes**

Safety goggles or eye glasses*

Rubber gloves (the thin surgeons work best)*

Dust mask*

After the first class you will start your second project and you will need all the supplies specific to your project.

- **Base for your mosaic** - Must be strong enough to support the weight of the tiles and must firm surface that cannot not bend or flex. Keep your project to medium size to about 12 to 24 inches in any direction. A good source for ideas is Pinterest.
 - Cement
 - Ceramic clay pots
 - Plywood
 - Glass
 - MDF
- **The tiles for mosaic.**
 - Ceramic or glass tile (avoid stone)
 - Vitreous glass mosaic tile (best to purchase on line)
 - Old china or ceramic dishes (Buy at thrift shops avoid "corell" un--breakable dishes)
 - Stained glass or mirror
 - Rock
 - Shells
- **Tools**
 - **Offset tile nippers** for ceramic tile or plates or **wheeled nippers** for glass available where you purchase your tiles.
 - Putty knife, plastic knife, popsicle stick or artists palette knife (for spreading adhesive)
 - Old plastic cooking spatula (for spreading grout)
 - Tile nippers
- **Adhesives** - I can recommend which adhesive to use for your project
 - *Weldbond Universal Adhesive* is a white water-base glue that is the easiest to use but not recommended for outdoor use.
 - *314 Henry Multipurpose Ceramic Tile adhesive* A pre-mixed mastic good for broken dishes
 - *Lexel* by Sashco for glass on glass for indoor and outdoor (A good glue but sticky and longer drying time)
 - Simple Set Thin Set Mortar - A pre-mixed mortar best for concrete
- **Something to support your project in transport**
- **Sanded tile grout**
 - *Polyblend Sanded Tile Grout*
- **Sealer** seals the grout and protects against stains (I use *Tile Guard Silicone Grout Sealer*)

Most tools and supplies can be purchased at a hardware store. I purchase most basic supplies at Dale Hardware an Ace brand hardware store. On line mosaic suppliers are less expensive than most craft and hobby stores.

List of some internet supply stores

mosaictilesupplies.com **Mosaic Tile Supply** (I have some colors charted)

arcticmermaidmosaics.com **Arctic Mermaid Mosaics**

tesseraglass.com **Terresa Glass** (Have a color chart) now coppercatstudio.com

mosaicssupply.com **Mosaic Supply**

mosaicbasics.com **Mosaic Basics**

mosaicbeach.com **Mosaic Beach Studio**

mosaicartsupply.com **Mosaic Art Supply**

marylandmosaics.com **Maryland Mosaics**

mosaicartsupply.com **Mosaic Art Supply**

mosaictraderusa.com **Mosaic Trader USA** (Have a color chart)

www.etsy.com/shop/WorkinWoods **Workin Woods** - MDF shapes

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