

Make a Mosaic



Mosaics are pictures or designs made of small pieces of ceramic tile, glass, stone, or other materials. You can make a mosaic out of “gems.”

Needed: White craft glue that dries “clear and durable,” several small disposable containers such as yogurt containers, food coloring, a disposable spoon or craft stick, aluminum foil, and scissors.

Instructions :

1. Pour about 1 ounce (1/4 of a four-ounce bottle) of the glue into a small disposable container. Use a different container for each different color of gem you want to make.
2. Add 1 or 2 drops of food coloring to the glue and mix well with a plastic spoon or craft stick.
3. Drop small blobs of the colored glue 1 inch apart on a large sheet of aluminum foil. The blobs will spread out to form ovals or circles. If they spread out too flat, add more glue to the mixture. It will take several days for the gems to dry and become glassy.
4. Draw a mosaic design on a small piece of paper or cardstock. After they dry, cut the gems with scissors into shapes that will allow you to recreate your design. Set the gems on the paper or cardstock to form the mosaic. Hint: Start in the center of the paper and work outward, covering all parts of the paper without leaving spaces between the gems. Then glue the gems to the paper or cardstock in the pattern of your picture or design.

