

Mosaics with Lisa Soranaka

For this class you will need something to mosaic on and grout. There are also tools and materials you will need to create your mosaic.

Surface to Mosaic on

One can mosaic on most things with a reasonably flat or even surface. More than one item may be created in the time allotted if the surface is small. Some of the following items are popular:

- Tiles
- Picture Frames
- Glass Ball
- Concrete
- Table
- Wood

Note it is important to have a weatherproof item or an item that can be weatherproofed for something being used outdoors.

Grout

Sanded grout of any color, black or white work best. Enough is needed to cover the surface the mosaic is created on.

Additional Tools and materials needed (*these items are available to use in class if/as needed*)

- Hammer
- Glass nippers
- Ziploc bags
- A couple of cups or bowls for grout and water
- Safety glasses
- Nitrile gloves
- Old rags

Examples of stores that carry the above supplies are Home Depot, Lowes, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, and building supply surplus stores.

Provided Materials

Glass/Tile

Tiles, approximately one half pound that will make an approximate 6x6 inch square mosaic.

Students are welcome to bring their own materials. I prefer stained glass; however, tile, old pottery or china, flat marbles, rocks, etc. that can be broken into small pieces are all acceptable.

Avoid plastic, beads, and anything that has been painted on the back or has glitter on the back, craft store "mosaic pieces" (they can be expensive and sometimes not very good quality).

I buy stained glass at Glass Expressions and Northwest Glass located on the west side of Washington State.

Adhesive

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