

PORTABLE PROGRAM:

Marvelous Mosaic Art

Description:

Step back in time to the Roman period with this colorful craft. Be sure to put it somewhere in your house where everyone can see how skilled you are at making designs (such as your living room, front door, or wherever you want)!

Materials Included:

- Cardstock
- Construction Paper

Materials Needed:

- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler

Helpful link:



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Steps:

1

Sketch out a design in pencil onto the provided cardstock: it could be a colorful pattern, a word or phrase that you like, or an image of something you really care about. Or, you can always find inspiration from Roman mosaics of the past!

2

Take your pieces of construction paper and cut them into small squares, or "tesserae". Try to make sure that the pieces are a regular shape - about 1 cm by 1 cm. Use a ruler if possible.

3

Once you have finished cutting up all the squares you need, start by making sure the squares will fit in your design. Sometimes you may have to cut them down to ensure they fit, but that is also fine; Roman artists would use irregular tiles as well to make certain shapes!

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Keep gluing your squares until you have filled up your entire design. As you are attaching the squares to the cardboard backing, try to leave a little bit of space in between the squares. This represents the grout that would be used to make the tessera pieces stick together in a real life mosaic.

