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**LOVE
HILLSBOROUGH
MOSAIC
PROJECT**

STEPS

- 01** DRAW A MOSAIC DESIGN.
- 02** GET A MOSAIC TOOL.
- 03** GET MATERIAL FOR PROJECT.
- 04** GLUE MOSAIC PIECES OVER THE FIBER MESH SURFACE.

THINGS YOU NEED TO START THE PROJECT

1- A 16" x16" sheet of paper, or smaller pieces of paper taped together and then trimmed to 16" x 16".

2- Mosaic Materials: this can be pieces of ceramic, glass, even plastic. You can purchase specialty mosaic glass at dimosaico.com or smalti.com, but broken plates of china, old jewelry, colored glass, even Legos make great materials. You'll want to avoid any natural materials that may erode over time such as cotton, fabric, or plant materials. You'll want to collect your materials after you create your design, so you can find items that match your design colors.

3- Nippers or something to break your materials into shapes: Nippers allow better control of your pieces and can be purchased for about \$15. at one of our local hardware stores. No nippers? No worries! Just break up your materials (covered in something sturdy and outside!) with a hammer and use the pieces to create amore free-form mosaic.

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THINGS YOU NEED FOR THE PROJECT

4- A 17" x 17" piece of fiberglass drywall tape: You can use one large sheet, or strips from small roll taped together. This is the one item you really can't find a home substitute for. If you need a sheet and don't want to buy a roll, email us and we'll get you some.

5- A 16" x 16" piece of clear plastic vinyl: You can use vinyl sheeting that can be purchased at a local craft or hardware store, or plastic wrap, or even a (clean) transparent shower curtain.

7- Glue: I recommends Welbond, but you can also use good ole' Elmer's Glue.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATE YOUR MOSAIC

1- Register at the Orange County Arts Web Page for the LoveHillsborough Art Project. Registration is free, but this will help us coordinate the drop-off of your mosaic and track our participation numbers.)

2- Cut a 16" x 16" sheet of white paper, or tape smaller pieces of paper together and trim to 16" x 16" or we won't be able to use it on our wall.

3- Draw and color your design on the paper. One big heart is easiest; smaller items are more difficult with a mosaic.

4- After your design is done, put the 16" x 16" sheet of the clear plastic vinyl on top of your paper design. This will be the barrier between your design paper and the mesh and will keep the two from sticking together.

5- Put the fiber mesh on top of the plastic, using the adhesive side to stick to the plastic. You could also tape the edges so the fiber mesh, the vinyl and design won't move around. This is the "skin" of your mosaic and will help it stay together. It's a little larger than the mosaic itself so the edges will stick out.

6- Use items with a straight edge to make a 16" x 16" border on top of the design, plastic and mesh. Items like rulers or shelves work well, but you can use anything that is long and straight. This will ensure your mosaic is the correct size and it fits within 16" x 16". You'll just use these items while making your mosaic and then remove them when you're done.

7- Using your design as a guide, cut your materials in small pieces and glue them to the mesh.

8- After your mosaic is complete, let it dry completely in a flat surface. Do not remove the plastic from the back of your mosaic.

9- Tape a label to the back with your last name and hometown. (Don't forget-one mosaic per family please.)

10- Turn it in! Closer to the due date, you'll get delivery instructions. The drop off location will be the orange County Arts Commission office at the Eno Mill in Hillsborough.

For questions you can contact me or the Orange County Arts Commission web site.

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