

JENNY MAY MOSAICS



Heart Felt

Welcome to The Globe Craft Club! My name is Jenny May and I'm so excited to show you how to make a very simple mosaic keepsake to hang on your wall.

Here is the list of materials and tools you will need to complete your mosaic. Any questions please reach out to me and I'll do my best to get back to you quickly.

- 1. Substrate (base for your mosaic): I am using a heart shaped piece of wood I purchased at Michael's for 4.99 each approx size 8" x 9". You can use any piece of wood - preferably something you already have around the house that you can scratch the surface up to ensure you get a good bond. Dollarama has 8" x 10" Wood Artist Panel for \$2.50.*
- 2. Hanging hardware: I always think about how I want to display my work before I start laying down any pieces. I installed a razor hanger for my heart. Please install your hanger on your substrate before the class.*
- 3. Adhesive (glue): I'm pretty fussy about the adhesive I use because I want to make sure the tesserae is going to stay in place forever! I purchased DAP Kwik Seal Adhesive Caulk at Rona (\$3.85) for this project. Any permanent white glue will work as well, my preference is Weldbond. There are many adhesives that will work. I like using ones that are non-toxic and don't smell up the house. My preferred choice is Mapei Type 1 Tile Adhesive Thinset that can be purchased at any DIY store. You can buy it premixed or mix it yourself from a powder. The smallest premixed container you can buy is 946 ml or 1 US Quart for \$15.99. I wouldn't buy this unless you're planning on making more mosaics.*
- 4. Tesserae: Is the term used for the mosaic bits you'll be laying down on your wooden substrate. This is the fun part! We are making a mosaic in the picassiette style which consists of broken china dishes and ceramic tiles along with various found objects. Collecting items to use in our project depends on what you have laying around the*

house. I like using things that you don't need or aren't useful anymore. However, if you don't have any china plates laying around I'd suggest picking up a couple at your local second hand shop. Pick ones that aren't too thick and have nice colours or patterns you like. Small bits of stained glass and broken mirror are nice to have as well. Found objects are especially fun and can be almost anything! Buttons, marbles, bottle caps, old jewelry, a watch face, an odd earring, beads, small ceramic figurines, fridge magnets, keys, children's toy cars ... you get the idea.

5. *Tools: All you really need for this project is a hammer, a plastic bag and assortment of popsicle sticks, old spoon, or plastic spatula, a utility knife to score the wooden substrate. Wire cutters, tile or glass nippers are nice to have but not necessary. See below for an itemized check list.*
6. *Safety: Some of the tools and materials can be hazardous if not handled with care. Gloves, safety glasses and N95 respirator masks are a good idea to have on hand.*
7. *Finishing Your Mosaic: Anyone who has ceramic or porcelain tile installed in their home knows that grout is the material that fills in the gaps. Grout really finishes your piece off nicely. You can buy different types of grout for different applications. I like to use unsanded grout and I usually buy it in bags of powder and mix my own. You can buy a 1lb container of premixed grout at most DIY stores. I bought white Mapei Keracolor U Unsanded Grout with Polymer at Rona (\$8.99). The colour you choose can really impact the finished result. I'll talk about this more during the class. We won't have time to grout your piece during our class. Typically I wait 24 hours to ensure the adhesive is completely dry before grouting. This is to ensure the tesserae doesn't fall off. I will be providing a demo during our class to show you the steps on how to grout, clean, polish & finish your mosaic. If you need more direction reach out and I'm happy to help. Also, YouTube is a great resource for DIY videos. It can be a bit tricky to grout picassiette style mosaics, because of all the uneven surfaces. Hopefully I'll have time to provide some tips & tricks to help.*

Tools

- Hammer
- Plastic or paper shopping bag
- Wire Cutters
- Utility knife
- Wooden popsicle sticks / skewers
- Putty knife - nice to have something to spread glue

- *Damp rag - to clean your sticky fingers and implements*
 - *Tweezers*
 - *Wheeled glass nippers (nice to have but not necessary)*
 - *Tile nippers (nice to have but not necessary)*
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• **Tools for Grouting your Mosaic**

- *2 or 3 Plastic yogurt containers*
 - *Cotton rags & absorbent sponge*
 - *Old spoon, spatula or spreader to mix & spread grout*
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Health & Safety Items

- *N95 respirator mask (recommended when mixing grout or thinset) It's important to avoid breathing in dust particles. Tip: Adding powder to a small amount of water helps keep the dust from floating up into the air.*
 - *Nitrile or Latex gloves for mixing and working with thinset and grout. These products are very drying and can damage the skin.*
 - *Safety glasses should be worn when breaking, nipping or cutting glass or tile of any kind.*
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Materials

- *Wooden Substrate approximately 8" x 10"*
- *Adhesive (glue)*
- *Tesserae or mosaic bits - colourful china dishes, mirror, stained glass, ceramic tile*
- *Found objects*
- *Grout*