

Make a Roman Mosaic

Introduction

Read the Ancient Rome article on World Book Online.

Although the Romans did not originate the mosaic—the idea came from Greece—they spread the art form throughout their empire. Mosaics are made by pressing small pieces of glass or stone into a soft mortar to create a picture or pattern.

Materials:

Crayons, markers, pens, pencils, and/or coloured pencils
Paper (for background)
Colourful construction paper for mosaic squares
Glue / rubber cement

Directions:

Think about what you would put in a mosaic. You might draw a simple sketch of it first, labelling where you want each colour to go. Then cut up colourful squares of construction paper and glue them on a background to make an image. Volunteers can talk about their mosaics and show them to the class after they have been completed.