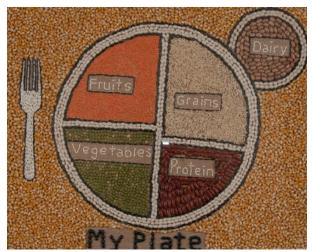
M Duke Gardens Summer Fun at Home: Gardening with Community

## **SEED MOSAIC**

A mosaic is a type of art in which small stones, glass, tiles, or other small pieces of material are put together to make a whole picture. Archeologists have found mosaics dating back more than 5000 years. By putting seeds together to create a pattern or an image, you can use seeds to make a mosaic.



Mosaic



Seed Mosaic

## **GATHER THESE SUPPLIES**

- Cardboard or cardstock (an empty cereal box works well)
- Pencil with eraser
- Liquid glue
- Seeds of different sizes, shapes, and colors
  - o In your kitchen, look for: rice, dry beans, lentils, whole spices like cumin, coriander, mustard, and more
  - o Outside, look for: pine cones, sweetgum balls, maple helicopters, dandelion puffs, and more



- Bowls or cups to hold the seeds
- Newspapers or other paper to cover your
- Optional: tweezers or toothpick for placing seeds

## **MAKE YOUR SEED MOSAIC**

- Using a pencil, draw an outline of the pattern or picture you want to make with seeds. You might draw shapes, lines, plants, a landscape, or anything else!
- 2. Think about the seeds you have and the picture you are making.
- Which seeds will you put in each area to make the picture look the way you want? You can fill in all parts with seeds or leave some empty.
- 4. Once you decide that, put glue on small areas of the picture.
- 5. Choose the seeds you will use on that part.
- 6. If the seeds are small, pour them onto the glue and shake off any extra that don't stick. You could also arrange them using your fingers, a toothpick, or tweezers.



- 7. If the seeds are larger, you can place them one by one on the picture to fill the area you want.
- 8. Continue putting glue on small parts and attaching seeds until your picture is complete.

