

## 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



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### GATHER THESE SUPPLIES

- Cardboard or cardstock (an empty cereal box works well)
- Pencil with eraser
- Liquid glue
- Seeds of different sizes, shapes, and colors
  - In your kitchen, look for: rice, dry beans, lentils, whole spices like cumin, coriander, mustard, and more
  - 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 work area
- *Optional:* tweezers or toothpick for placing seeds

## MAKE YOUR SEED MOSAIC

1. 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.
3. 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.

