

Make Mosaic Names

Teach your child the skills of the ancient Greek mosaic artists with this entertaining project. Your kids can decorate their sketchbooks, book reports or notebooks with their name or initials created in paper mosaic patterns. This project goes perfectly with history lessons of the ancient Greeks or when studying the Bronze Age.

What You Need:

- Construction paper
- Butcher paper/ blank notebook cover
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil



What You Do:

1. Share images with your child of ancient Greek mosaic art which can be easily found on the Internet. Discuss patterns and shapes craftsmen used. Come up with ideas of all the places and objects that craftspeople could have used mosaics on and where mosaicists' works can be found nowadays in your own hometown.
2. Have your child cut up pieces of multi-colored paper into small squares. They can be as small as she likes, though the smaller they are, the more patience is required to glue them down on the paper and form an image.
3. Decide with your child if she wants to spell out her entire name or just create a design using her initials or the first letter of her name. She can also include a drawing of a simple animal or a fancy border to help give a finished appearance to her work.
4. Have her draw out her design using a pencil to lightly sketch how her paper mosaic will be created.
5. She can now glue the paper "tiles" down one at a time. Make sure to leave a small space between each one so it resembles grout just like actual tiles.

When she's done, if she wants to keep designing she can experiment with making patterns, images of objects and more!

Fun Facts: Mosaic art creates images using small pieces of colored glass, stone, tile or other materials. The earliest examples of mosaics created by humans were found in Mesopotamia and date back to 2500 BC, and were created with colored stones, shells and ivory.

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