

Mosaic Guide

Steps:

1. Choose a design/idea for what you'd like to create. You can use a sharpie or pencil to draw the basic shape on the tile, or use a stencil.
2. Choose the glass/pieces you'd like to use.
3. Glue down the pieces one at a time. The pieces do not need to be tight next to each other. You can leave space for the grout if you'd like to.
4. Let the glue completely dry (12 hours).
5. In a discard-able container and stir stick, mix your grout with a little bit of water. Start by adding a spoonful of water to your grout at a time. A little water goes a long way. You want the consistency to be that of pancake batter.
6. Once the grout is mixed, pour it over your mosaic. Be sure to have the mosaic on top of newspaper, plastic or a throw away material.
7. Immediately wipe off excess grout with the stir stick, and then wipe it with paper towel, wet wipes or a sponge.
8. With your finger inside a wet wipe, clean each piece of glass so no grout is left on the glass, only in between it. What's left on the glass will need to be picked off later and it's much easier to get it right away.
9. Make sure to wipe the edges of your tile so no grout is hanging off.
10. Let it dry completely (12 hours).
11. An additional option that's fun to do is to paint the grout. Any acrylic paint can be applied to it quickly and then wiped off the glass before it dries on. If you plan to put your tile outdoors - use exterior acrylic paint.

****NOTE:** Do not discard grout in the sink. Be sure to wash off any that gets on your skin right away.

How To Cut Glass:

1. Lay your glass flat on a paper or protective sheet.
2. Use your runner to create a score in the glass. The forks need to face upward as you begin pushing down on the glass. Begin closest toward you about 1/4" up on the glass and then push down and run the tool all the way to the end of the glass.
3. Always make straight cuts or very slight curve ones. You don't have to push too hard, just enough to see a line in the glass. Sometimes it's easier to stand up while cutting glass so your arm is at more of a 45 degree angle.
4. With your pliers, line up the score mark on the glass with the little score line on the pliers, and squeeze. The glass should break on the line.
5. Repeat as much as you need to making the piece the size/shape you need.



Pliers



Runner

