

Mosaic Ornament Kit

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Step 1: Using the paper templates of the ornaments, design your ornaments with the assorted glass provided. The space between each piece should be no larger than 1/16-1/8 of an inch (if possible). If the glass has a texture, place the texture side face up. If your kit contains glass dots, use the flat side down. This kit contains enough glass to fill all four ornaments. Find ornament design ideas at <https://noneofthisiscake.com/at-home-mosaic-kits>

Step 2: Once you have mapped out your ornaments on the templates, position each ornament with the outlines face up and apply the glass of your choice using your fingers and/or tweezers. Use glue sparingly, as using more will cause the pieces to slide and take longer to dry. You can apply the glue in a variety of ways, but personally I like to spread a thin layer of glue with my finger, wiping my finger clean with a paper towel as I go, and adding more glue, as needed. You can also apply a dot of glue to the back of each piece as you work if you prefer. Keep in mind that the heavier you are on the glue, the longer it will take to dry. Set the planters aside and allow them to dry for 24 hours.

*Speed your kit time up by using UV resin instead of glue. Small kits are available at most craft stores and online. In my one day mosaic classes, we use Let's Resin UV Resin.

Step 3: Before mixing the grout, give the glass pieces a little wiggle to see if any of them are loose. If they are, reglue them and allow them to set. For easy clean up, put some cardboard or newspaper down for you to work on (**Pro Tip:** you can use the box for this kit if you unfold it!) Fill one of the disposable cups ¾ of the way with clean water and put on gloves. You may choose to mix half of the grout at once to grout two ornaments at a time, or mix all of the grout do all four at once. (Doing all at once will require working quickly). If you are going to grout all the ornaments at once, add four tablespoons of water to the second disposable cup. If you are mixing half of the grout, add two tablespoons of water. Add one tablespoon at a time until the grout texture is like wet sand, but not runny. Apply the grout to the piece using the popsicle stick and scraper provided, making sure to scrape in all directions to work the grout into the crevices. Scrape off as much excess grout into the grout cup as possible before moving onto the next step.

Step 4: Use a damp sponge to remove excess grout from the top of the glass. Make sure the sponge is not dripping water. Note that you will need to rinse your sponge in the cup a few times while doing this. **DO NOT** dispose of grout water in sink or toilet. Pour into an old can or paper towels and throw in the trash.

Step 5: Allow the grout to set for 15-20 minutes and brush away excess grout with a clean paper towel. Add the ribbon and allow ornaments to dry in a room temperature area for 24 hours before handling.

Materials & Supplies

- (x2) Template sheets
- (x4) Clear Acrylic Ornaments
- (x4) Ribbons
- (x2) Assorted Glass Packets
- (x1) Specialty Glass Pack
- (x1) Bottle of Glue
- (x1) Bag of Grout
- (x1) Popsicle Stick
- (x2) Disposable Cups
- (x1) Tweezers
- (x1) Scraper
- (x1) Sponge
- (x4) Disposable Gloves

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This kit is meant for 18+ and older. Children should have an adult present when working with glass.