

# ART

*Roman Mosaics*

*Friday 12th February*

Today we are going to be making our own Roman Mosaics.

First, watch this video all about growth mind set and persevering. It will help you to realise the importance of looking at your work and how you can improve it.

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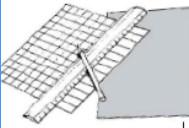
# Let's have a look at the instructions we read last week!

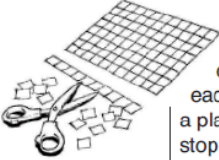
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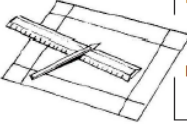
## How to Make Your Own Roman Mosaic

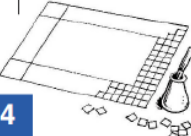
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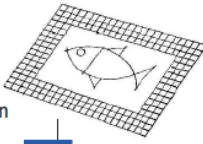


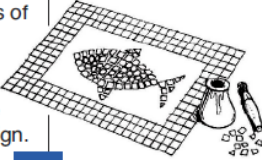
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Decide how many different colours you want to use in your mosaic design. Using a ruler and pencil, divide different coloured papers into squares 2cm long by 2cm wide.
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Next, take a pair of scissors and carefully cut out the squares. Place each collection of coloured squares in a plastic tub or old yoghurt pot. This will stop the different colours getting mixed up.
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On a piece of A4 white paper, draw a frame 6cm wide around the edge. This will provide plenty of room for you to make a border pattern around your mosaic design.
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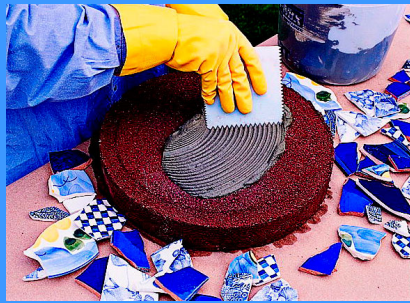
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Romans used mosaic to decorate their houses.



Mosaics were made with small black, white and coloured squares. These squares were cut from materials such as marble, tile, glass, pottery, stone and even shells. A base was first prepared with fresh mortar and the tiles positioned as close together as possible with any gaps then filled with liquid mortar in a process known as grouting. It was then cleaned and polished.



Not only are mosaics beautiful works of art in themselves but they are also an invaluable record of such everyday items as clothes, food, tools and weapons. They also reveal much about Roman activities like gladiator contests, sports, agriculture, hunting and sometimes they even capture the Romans themselves in detailed and realistic portraits.



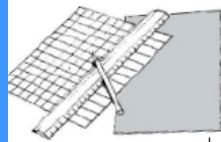
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First, we need to draw out our design. Let's follow our instructions!

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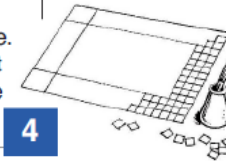
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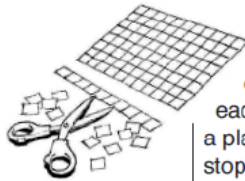
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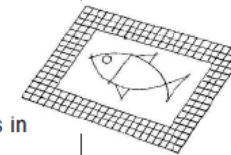
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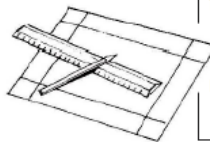
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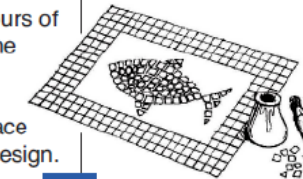
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