

Upcycling - Mosaic Art

technique focus



What you'll need

CT360...Rotatrim Mastercut Rotary Cutter **AD364**...Glue Stick **CT502A** Large Pointed Scissors
BR940A...Student Round Synthetic Watercolour Brushes **PD595**...Watercolour Pan Sets



This is a great way to use up classroom waste such as scrap papers and materials. Experiment further by incorporating mixed media techniques to bring your artwork to life even more!



Step by step



For this project, you will need a variety of scrap papers and cards. These can include painting backgrounds, rough drawings, tearaway palettes, sugar paper, and anything else you have lying around the classroom! Begin by cutting these into strips using a guillotine, then into squares.



Using a pencil, sketch out your mosaic design on a sheet of paper roughly. TIP: Separate your mosaic tiles into colours to make the next step easier!



Next, start laying out your tiles, paying attention to where shadows and highlights might be. You may also need to cut smaller tiles to fit around some shapes.



Using the same method and adding shadows, create a background using different types of paper such as cardboard.



Once you are happy with the layout, begin sticking down the tiles using a glue stick or PVA glue. When you think you have stuck them all down, tip your paper upside down to double-check!



You can add mosaic tiles to the whole background, or, for a mixed-media technique, paint a watercolour wash on the top half to make your mosaic design stand out even more! Allow to dry, and your mosaic art is complete.