

mosaic making

Mosaics are a great way to introduce more color into a garden, especially during the winter months and when plants stop flowering. Mosaics can be made with pretty much anything – new, old, recycled, or found materials such as tiles, beads, buttons, glass, and mirrors. Natural materials such as shells, stalks, and leaves found in the garden also work well for certain mosaic projects as long they've been protected for outdoor use.

Making an outdoor mosaic is also a great way to personalize a garden space and give it a unique look and feel. You can mosaic pretty much anything in a garden – flower pots and containers, paths and walkways, benches and tables, walls and fences, water fountains, and garden tools such as trowel handles and wheelbarrows. The design of the mosaic can be simply decorative or it can depict natural elements such as the very plants and insects which are found in the garden.

The mosaic making process is both a leisurely activity as well as productive endeavor. After only a few hours of steady work, an incredible mosaic image emerges, thus making it an immensely satisfying activity that appeals to youth and adults alike!

For step-by-step instructions on how to make a garden mosaic, visit the Dig Art! website: www.hort.cornell.edu/gbl/digart



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