

What's in your box...

Let's start by unpacking everything in the box. The picture below shows all the things you will find inside. Can you spot them all? Now lay them out in the same way to check you have everything you need.

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Before you start...

TOP TIP 1

Some parts of the following mosaic activities require you to work quickly! We suggest you ask for an adults help when you need to mix the mosaic grout.

TOP TIP 2

Our glue and plaster mixture will wash out of your clothes easily, but if you have an apron or old t-shirt, it's time to put it on! Making a mess is fun, but we don't want to get it everywhere! So protect your table with a wipeable tablecloth or newspaper if you can.

TOP TIP 3

You create your best works of art when your brain is happy, healthy and ready to engage! So before you start, let's help your brain be the best it can be. Are you hungry? Have a little snack. Anything annoying you? Talk it out. Happy, healthy and ready to create? OK, let's go!



Exclusive Online Content

● Tutorial Videos ● Calming Playlist ● Inspiration Gallery ● Guardian Page

If you feel you need some more help or inspiration, do not fear! We have created a special place online to help you get the most out of this kit. We have packed it full of video tutorials, inspiration galleries and even a specially created playlist to listen to whilst you are creating mosaics! Scan the QR code or visit the link to access the fun!

Learn the lingo

Ready to learn some mosaic lingo? Below are some common terms used in the world of mosaic art, you might already know a few of these terms!

Mosaic

A mosaic is a design produced by arranging small pieces of stone onto a surface such as a wall or vase.

Tile

A tile is a small, flat piece of material made of clay, plastic, wood or glass used to create mosaics. You have lots of glass tiles in this kit!

Plaster

Plaster is a white powder that is mixed with water to create a paste and used to fill the gaps in-between your tiles. When it sets hard it helps to hold your tiles in place and makes the colours pop!

Pattern

A pattern is design made by arranging your tiles into lovely layouts. Take a look at the next page for two examples...

Regular Pattern

A regular pattern is when you create designs that have repeating colours or shapes.



Irregular Pattern

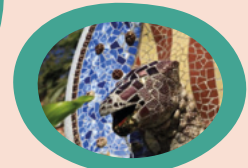
A irregular pattern is when you create designs that are completely random without a repeating pattern.



Wall of Fame

Mosaic is often described as painting without paint! You can create some amazing, colourful images and patterns just using mosaic tiles. It is a popular form of art today but mosaic design started a long time ago... The oldest mosaic was made of stones and shells and is around 4,500 years old! Throughout history, mosaics have been used to decorate everything from huge walls and sculptures to tiny peices of jewellery! Keep reading for more fun facts...

Modern Mosaic



The images above show the work of artist Antoni Gaudí. His mosaics are known for their bright colours and curvy designs. His work was often inspired by nature and he made many animals including the giant lizard!

Historical Mosaic



The Romans lived around 2000 years ago and are famous for their mosaic artwork. At the time, mosaics were a statement of wealth and style. Amazingly, some roman mosaic signs have been found that read 'Beware of the Dog'!

Mosaics can be found on many surfaces including...

Pots, Plates & Vases



Jewellery



Floors



Ceilings



Mosaics can also be made of many different materials including...

Seashells



Glass

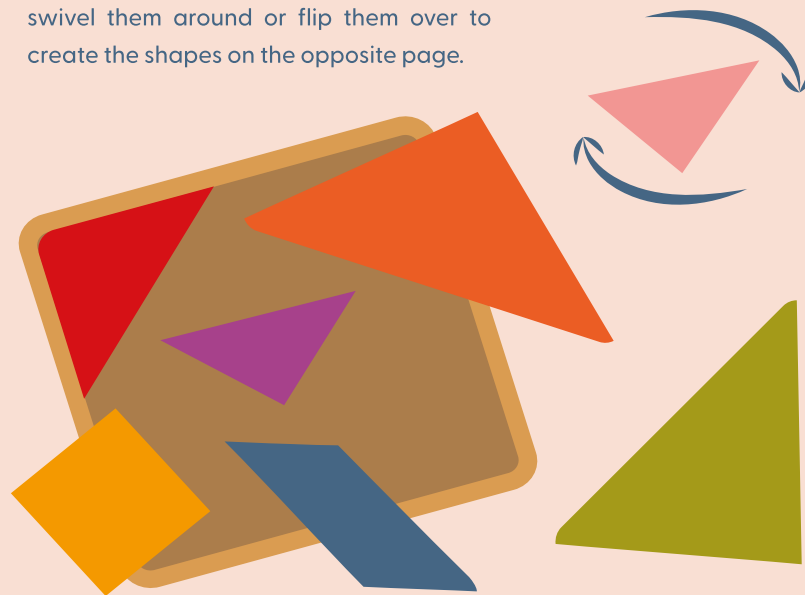


... And so much more!

Tangram Tile Game

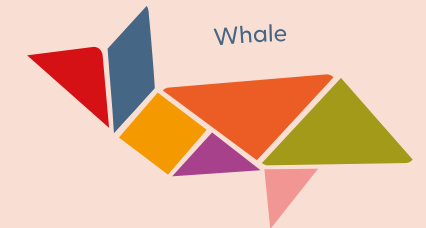
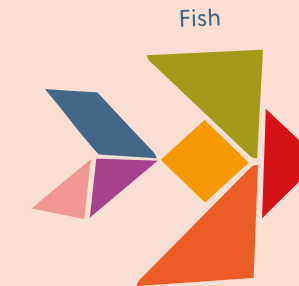
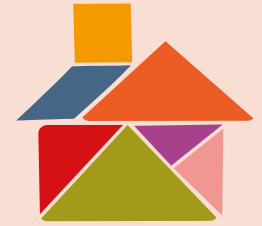
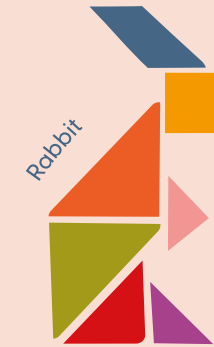
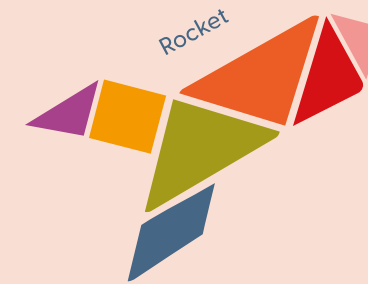
Before you get started, we would like you to practice using the tiles. When you play around the with shapes you will be amazed at what you can make! You will discover you can use the tiles to create many different shapes, patterns and pictures. Take the tangram game from your kit and have a go at creating some of the images on the opposite page.

You can take the tiles out of the holder and swivel them around or flip them over to create the shapes on the opposite page.



Extra Challenge

When you have finished, see if you can fit the tiles back into the holder without looking at the illustration below.



Activity 1

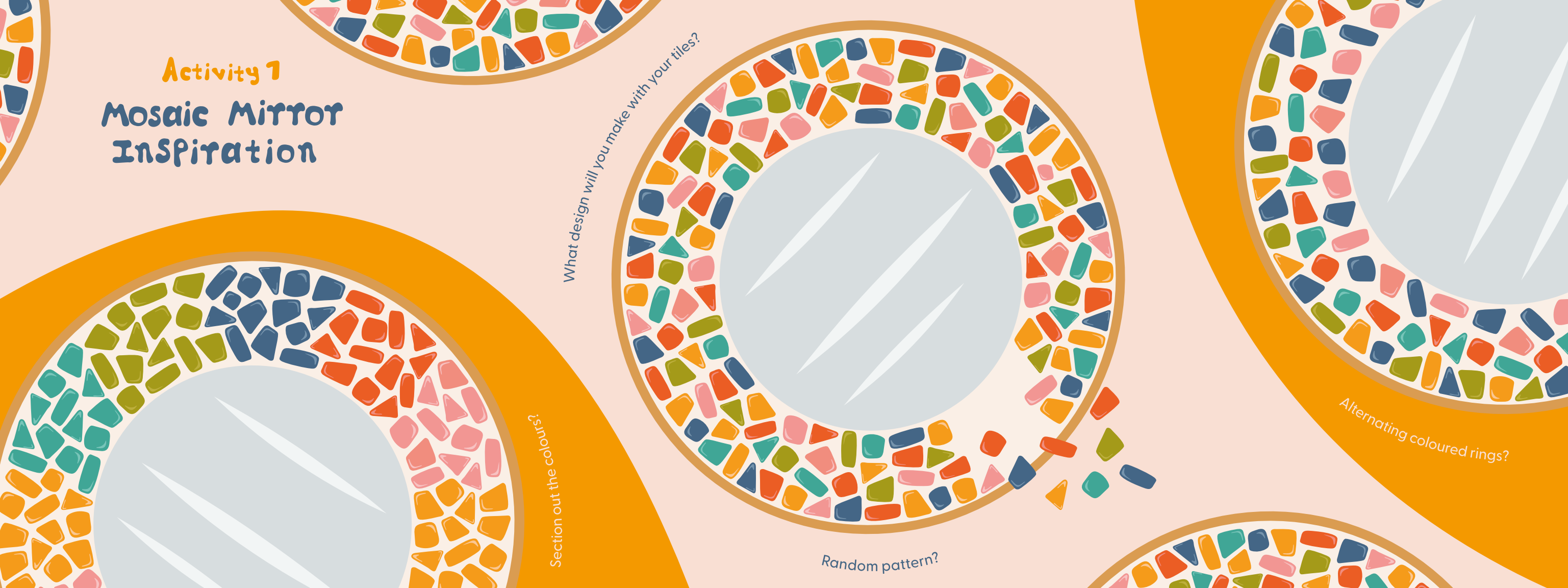
Mosaic Mirror Inspiration

What design will you make with your tiles?

Section out the circles

Random pattern?

Alternating coloured rings?



Activity 1

Mosaic Mirror

It's time for you to make a mosaic mirror! For this activity you will need the mirror kit, paintbrush, sponge, plaster, glue and tiles from the box.



Begin by placing your mirror plate onto the wooden back board. Make sure your mirror plate is perfectly centered. When you are happy, draw round the mirror plate with a pencil.



Next, apply a thin layer of glue to the back of your mirror. You can do this by using your new pva glue stick like a pen to spreading the glue out evenly.



Arrange all your tiles on the board without glueing them down. Make sure you have enough tiles to complete your design. Space them out, leaving a 3mm gap between each tile.



When you have finished placing your tiles down onto the backboard and are happy with your design, you can start glueing them down one by one using the glue pens.



Coat the back of each tile with a thin layer of glue and then firmly place it back down in place. Try to remember which tiles you have glued and which ones you haven't.



Turn your mirror over and place it into the circle you drew earlier (sticky side down). Push down firmly on your mirror to help it stick. Leave the protective film on the mirror until later.



Now pour all the Mosaic Mirror Tiles out onto your table and spread them out. Turn them all over so the colourful side is facing up. You can sort the colours into groups if you like!



Now you can begin planning your mosaic mirror design. Will your tiles be laid out randomly, colour coordinated or would you like to use the shapes to create little patterns?



When all your tiles are glued down, leave them to dry. When the glue is dry it's time to make your plaster mixture. Pour a third of one of the Mosaic Powder bags into a bowl.



Add six teaspoons of water into the bowl and mix together until it is the consistency of toothpaste. If it is too thick, add a drop of water and continue to mix.



When your plaster mixture has reached the right consistency you can scoop it out with your sponge and begin spreading it in between the tiles.

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You will need to make sure the gaps in between the tile are filled with plaster mixture and free of air bubbles. Don't worry about getting the plaster on the tops of the tiles at this stage.

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Work your way around the mirror. When you run out of mixture, repeat the process again with the next third of the plaster powder. You can use the rest of the bag on the mirror.

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Now clean the sponge and use it to wipe away any excess plaster from the tops of the tiles. Don't press down too hard, just gently wipe the over the tiles. Clean your sponge between wipes.

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Next, the final touches! Using your (cleaned) sponge, wipe around the inside and outside edge of the frame to neaten the edges. Then peel away the protective layer on top of the mirror.

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Place your mirror in a warm place (like an airing cupboard or near a radiator) for 24 hours. Make sure your mosaic is in a safe place, somewhere it won't accidentally get damaged.

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When your mosaic has dried thoroughly, you can display it with pride! Ask an adult to help you use the grippy strips to secure it to your wall. We hope you love your creation!



Activity 2

Mosaic Coaster Inspiration

What pattern will you make with your tiles? You could make a random pattern or used coloured stripes or ...

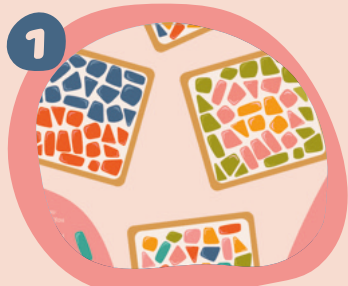
... a colour coordinated circle or lines of different shapes. The options are endless!



Activity 2

Mosaic Coaster

For this next activity you will be making mosaic coasters to rest your drinks on. Now you can rest your drinks in style!



Start by deciding on a design for your coaster. Have a look at the the designs on the previous page for inspiration. What kind of design will you make?



Use the tiles in the Mosaic Tiles box to create your design and stick them down once you are happy using the glue pens.



Now mix up the plaster using the same method as the last activity. This time use a third of the second bag of powder. You may want to ask an adult for help at this point to spread the mixture quickly.



Fill in the gaps with the mixture, making sure there aren't any empty spaces left. When you have finished, wipe away any excess plaster with your sponge until the tops of the tiles are shiny.



Now it's time to let it dry out thoroughly. Once it has, you can marvel at your marvellous mosaic masterpiece!

Where will you put your coaster?

Inspiration



Activity 3 Mosaic Pot

You have reached the last activity in this guide and it's a good one! First, take all of the Mosaic Pot pieces out of their box and lay them on your table. Place the 6 identical pieces and the hexagon with the 'Sculpd kids' logo in front of you. Make sure all the engraved sides are facing down. You will be decorating the plain sides.



Begin by using your glue pen to stick the remaining mosaic tiles onto the sides of the pot facing you. We suggest you create a random pattern with the tiles you have left.



When the glue has dried, build your pot. Turn the base board over so the engraved side is facing up (see image). Place the six wall pieces into their correct slots by lining up the shapes.



Secure the hexagon frame on top. Are all the tabs in their slots? If anything seems loose you can use some of your glue. Now it's time to apply the plaster!



Make the mosaic plaster mixture using the same method as before. Only mix up half the remaining powder at a time and spread it between the tiles.



Wipe away any plaster from around the flat edges of your pot. When the plaster has dried, use a tissue to lightly polish the tops of all the tiles.

Inspiration



Online Content ...

Check out the online content to see a helpful tutorial video for this activity!

Aftercare

Equipment

If you have used a disposable container to mix the plaster, scrape it clean before recycling. If you have used a non-disposable bowl, scrape the unused plaster into the bin and leave the bowl to soak in warm soapy water. Any remaining plaster will then wash away easily.



Recycling

Please recycle any paper or card elements from your kit. Dispose of the contents and containers in accordance with all local, regional, national or international regulations.

You can keep your outer box to store your new art materials! If you don't want to keep your new art tools, please consider giving them to a friend or family member or donating them to charity. Let's pass the joy around!



Health & Safety

All of our children's products have been tested to ensure their safety. So masterpieces can be made worry free!

Glue : The glue can be harmful if consumed. Do not get in your eyes or mouth. Seek medical attention if this occurs.

Plaster: Our mosaic plaster is made from 100% Natural Gypsum powder which is deemed a non-dangerous substance. However, like most powders, it can cause irritation to lungs if inhaled, if this occurs remove yourself from the room. If it gets into your eyes or mouth wash it out straight away.

Keep product away from children under 4 years of age.

For more information on Sculpd Kid's products, visit our website at www.sculpdkids.com or contact us at Sculpd Kids Ltd, Unit 10 Boundary Business Court, Mitcham, CR4 3TD, United Kingdom.



Show us what you've made!

We know you will have made some amazing mosaics so please show them to us! We would love to see what you have made so please take a pic and share it with us on Instagram! Your photos and videos may even be featured on our platform for the world to see!

There's always more in store!

Gift Boxes

If you enjoyed this craft kit, there's plenty more where it came from! From pottery and painting to string lights and DIY bowls, there is something for everyone. We will continue to grow Sculpd Kids into new and exciting areas, so stay tuned!

Subscription Boxes

If you want a burst of creative joy in your life each month, then why not sign up to our subscription service that delivers a new craft to your door every month!



Attention Adults!

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once you grow up”

– Pablo Picasso

Don't worry, we've got that covered too! Sculpd Kids has a parent company, simply named Sculpd. It features craft kits for adults containing everything you need to create plant pots, trinket dishes, vases, candles, paintings and everything in-between. Whether you Sculpd solo, on a date night, or as a family fun activity, there's something for everyone!



Pottery Kit



Candle Kit



Abstract Painting Kit

Have a snoop!

Take a look at what's in store by scanning the QR code on the right or visit us online by searching ...

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