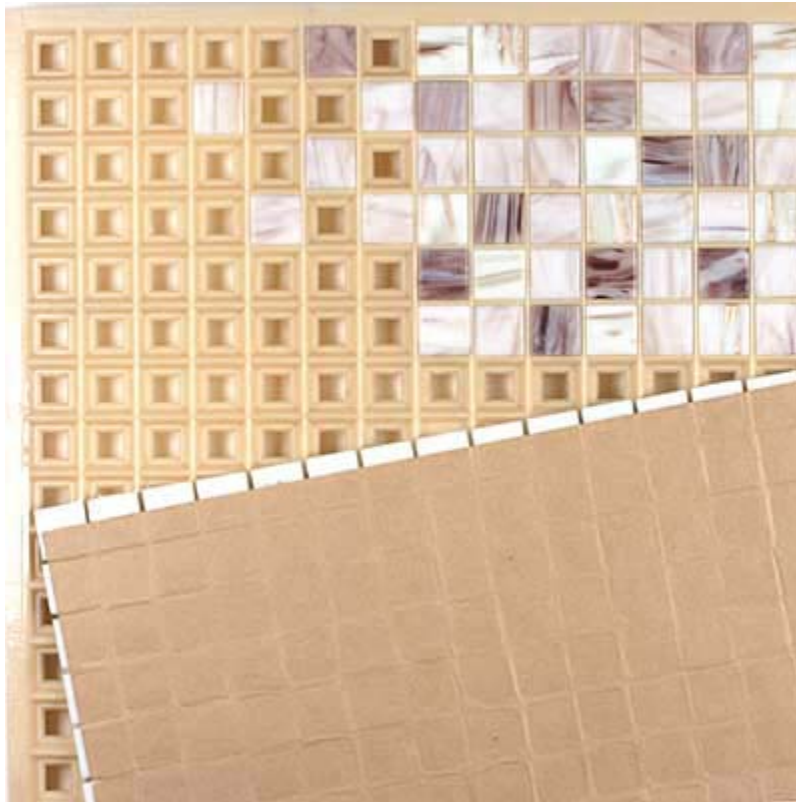


Create Your Own Tile Design

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Materials:

1. Wallpaper paste - Multi-Purpose Adhesive
2. Craft Paper - We recommend 24/50
3. Tile - All 20mm x 20mm tile will fit in the tile grid
4. Tile Grid - Size = 20x20x2mm
5. Inexpensive Paint Brush - (mixing bowl + Stick)
6. Piece of sturdy Cardboard - At least 14"x14" wide

With your [mosaic tile grid](#) you can customize your own tile sheet of any solid, blend, mosaic template, or design of choice by following the simple steps enumerated below.

Step 1: After having chosen the tile colors you would like to work with, remove them from the mesh mounted sheets or paper faced sheets by soaking them in warm water. You may need to employ a brush to remove any residual glue from the back of the tile, then let dry.

Step 2: Place individual tiles into the tile grid according to your own personal design, with the smooth surface of the tiles facing up and the ridged side facing down.

Step 3: Mix the adhesive powder with water into a small dish. Stir well until the powder has absorbed the water and it has formed a thick sticky paste. If wallpaper paste is too watery it may weaken the adhesive.

Step 4: Cut a 13" x 13" sheet of craft paper and a 14" x 14" sheet of cardboard. Apply a thin film of wallpaper paste to surface of craft paper using paintbrush. Make sure to smooth out the adhesive evenly over the craft paper so that no side accumulates more adhesive than the other. Remember the more adhesive you use the longer it will take to dry.

Step 5: Place adhesive paper onto tile grid so that the adhesive makes contact with the tile. After the craft paper has been evenly placed over top of tile, take your 14" x 14" sheet of cardboard and place it over top of the craft paper. Press down firmly on all areas of the cardboard. This insures that all tiles are making contact with the adhesive. Afterwards smooth out any air bubbles using the flat edge of your cardboard.

Step 6: Take your 14" x 14" piece of cardboard and lay it over the surface of the tile tray. Keep even moderate pressure on cardboard while you pick the tray up, and then flip the tile tray over. Do not remove tile grid from your tile sheet for about 2 minutes after it is over turned.

Step 7: Very slowly remove all sides of the tile grid from your sheet in an upward motion while making sure no tiles are still wedged inside the tile grid.

Step 8: Carefully move your tile sheet to a designated location where it can dry. The drying process may take 1-2 hours depending on where you have placed your tile to dry and how much adhesive was used. Quickest method to dry your sheet would be to place it out in the sun or possibly under a hot lamp. When the drying is complete, your crafting paper should have returned to its original color.

Step 9: Check your tile to make sure it has completely dried. Carefully inspect your tile sheet to make sure all tiles are secured to the sheet. Your tile is ready to be set!