

EGG SHELL MOSAIC

Making an eggshell mosaic is a fun and creative craft project! Here are step-by-step instructions:



MATERIALS NEEDED:

Eggshells: Cleaned and dried.

Base or Canvas: Cardboard, wood, canvas, or any surface you'd like to decorate.

Glue: PVA glue or any craft glue.

Paints: Acrylic paints work well for colouring the shells.

Paintbrushes: For painting the eggshells and applying glue.

Tweezers: To place the eggshell pieces precisely.

Sealer (Optional): Mod Podge or a clear varnish to finish and protect your mosaic.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Prepare the Eggshells:

Crack eggs carefully and save the shells.

Rinse the shells thoroughly to remove any residue.

Peel off the thin membrane from the inside of the shells. This step is crucial to prevent peeling later.

Let the shells dry completely.

Paint the Eggshells:

Break the shells into smaller pieces.

Paint the inside or outside of the shells using your desired colours. You can paint before or after gluing, depending on your design preference.

Let the paint dry.

Plan Your Design:

Sketch your mosaic design on the base if you want a guide. Simple shapes or patterns work best for beginners.

Alternatively, freestyle the placement for an abstract look.

Apply Glue:

Spread glue over a small section of your base.

Work section by section to prevent the glue from drying too quickly.

Attach the Eggshells:

Place the eggshell pieces onto the glued area. Use tweezers for precision.

Press gently to ensure they adhere, and break larger pieces into smaller ones as needed.

Leave tiny gaps between the pieces to mimic traditional mosaic patterns.

Fill the Entire Design:

Continue adding eggshells until the entire surface is covered. Adjust pieces to fit your design as you go.

Seal the Mosaic (Optional):

Once the glue is completely dry, apply a sealer to give your mosaic a glossy finish and protect it from wear and tear.

Tips:

Experiment with mixing shell colours or layering to create depth.

Use metallic or glitter paints for a unique effect.

Start small with coasters or simple designs before attempting larger projects.

Here I covered a small box, fairly randomly.

