

SOIL MOSAIC ART

Introduction: Have you ever seen piece of artwork made from tiny pieces of glass, broken tile, and other colorful objects? This is called a mosaic! Many ancient buildings and walls are decorated with this art, some taking almost 5 years to complete. Mosaics use small items placed together to make a cohesive picture or design. Today, you will create a nature inspired mosaic, made up of all the various components of soil, that could be imagined as part of the front of the Rock Eagle Chapel!

ART IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED:

- Leaves
- Sticks and twigs
- Dried plant parts
- Sand
- Flowers
- Small rocks
- Dirt (fine texture)
- Mulch

Materials: Enough art materials made from soil or soil components for each of your youth (use the above list to help get you started but feel free to be creative), cardboard or cardstock base, glue or adhesive, pencil and paper for sketching initial design plans, optional: additional art materials for the background

Lesson Instructions:

- Explore the mosaic examples provided as a group. Ask students to think about what designs they could create. The goal is to fill the entire image. Draw out your ideas on your sketch paper with a pencil.
- Either have the art materials prepared and ready or have students go outside and collect their own. Discuss the various components of soil and get creative with materials. The goal is for each art material used to connect back to soil.
- Once all materials are collected, students will use their sketch drawings to build their own soil mosaic. It is recommended that students lay out their designs before gluing anything down so they can rearrange and shift pieces as needed.
- Students will glue down their pieces and let it dry. Once dry, they can cut out their mosaics and display them for all to see!



SOIL MOSAIC ART – MOSAIC EXAMPLES

