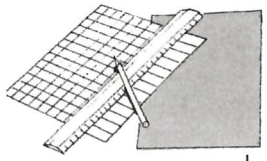
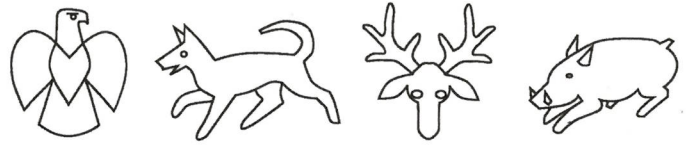


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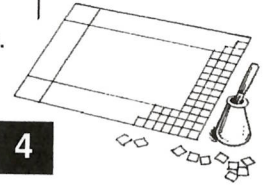
The floors of many Roman buildings were decorated with mosaics. They showed pictures of history and scenes from everyday life. These instructions tell how you can make your own simple 'Roman Mosaic'.



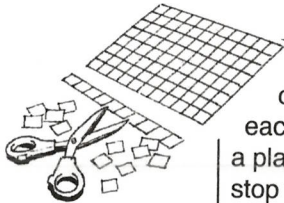
Decide how many different colours you want to use in your mosaic design. Using a ruler and pencil, divide different coloured papers into squares 2cm long by 2cm wide.

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Next make a very simple large line drawing of an animal of your choice. You can copy one of the designs at the top of the page or make up one of your own.



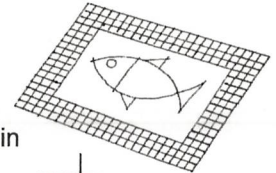
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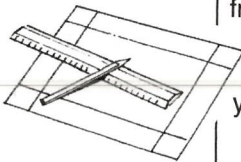
Next, take a pair of scissors and carefully cut out the squares. Place each collection of coloured squares in a plastic tub or old yoghurt pot. This will stop the different colours getting mixed up.

2

Use some of your coloured squares to design a repeating pattern to go in the border. When you are happy with your design, glue the paper squares in place.



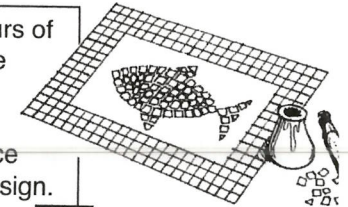
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On a piece of A4 white paper, draw a frame 6cm wide around the edge. This will provide plenty of room for you to make a border pattern around your mosaic design.

3

Finally, choose one or two colours of squares for your picture. Lay the squares out inside your drawn shape. You may need to trim some squares to fit. Glue in place when you are happy with the design.



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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Divide different coloured papers into squares

- 1 **1cm by 1cm.** **2cm by 2cm.**
3cm by 3cm. **4cm by 4cm.**

Cut out the squares and place them in

- 2 **plastic tubs.** **boxes.** **the bin.** **envelopes.**

Next, draw a

- 3 **line** **picture** **frame** **fish**

six centimetres wide. Then make a very simple

- 4 **model** **painting** **sketch** **drawing**

of an animal of your choice. Use the coloured squares to design a

- 5 **repeating** **long** **colourful** **extended**

pattern to go in the border. Finally, lay coloured squares inside your animal shape and

- 6 **fasten** **paste** **glue** **stick**

in place when you are happy with the design.

Section B

- 1 What is a 'Roman Mosaic'?

- 2 What is a 'repeating pattern'?

- 3 What sort of pictures could be found in Roman Mosaics?

- 4 Why do the instructions suggest placing 'each collection of coloured squares in a plastic tub'?

- 5 Why do you think some Romans decorated their houses with mosaics?

- 6 Why do you think the instructions ask you to make 'a very simple large line drawing' of an animal before adding coloured squares?

Section C

Make up your own repeating pattern in squares using only four colours of your choice. Write down a set of instructions for a friend telling how to make the same pattern.

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Section A

- 1) 2cm by 2cm
- 2) plastic tubs
- 3) frame
- 4) drawing
- 5) repeating
- 6) glue

Section B

- 1) A floor decoration.
 - 2) A pattern of colours and shapes that is made over and over again.
 - 3) Scenes from everyday life.
 - 4) So that they don't get mixed up.
 - 5) To make them attractive.
 - 6) So that it won't be too complicated to fill in.
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