

Easy Paper Mosaic

Grades 3rd – 5th

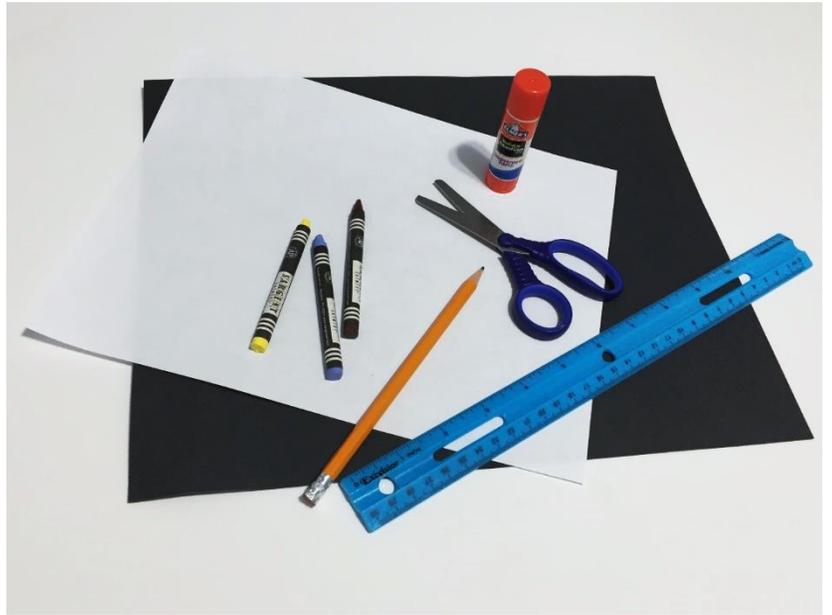
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A mosaic is art made from small pieces of anything. Some mosaics are made with square tiles while some are made with irregular pieces of tile. Some mosaics are made with many different things like pebbles, cloth or glass. Our project here is a paper mosaic!

Here's what you'll need:

1. A sheet of construction paper (any dark color)
2. A sheet of sketch pad paper or printer paper
3. A pencil
4. A ruler
5. Paper glue
6. Some crayons, markers or colored pencils
7. A pair of scissors



Adult assistance may be needed for steps 1, 2 and 3.

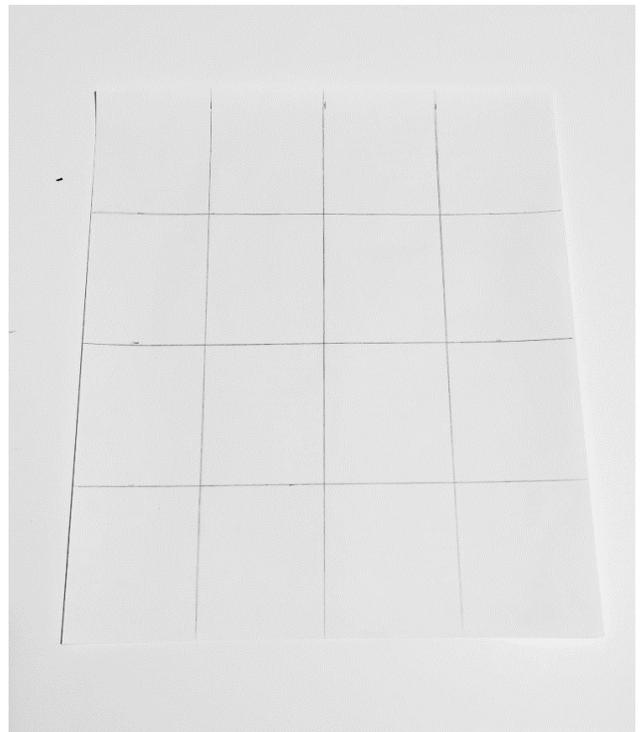


Step 1

Cut the sketch pad or printer paper so that it is about an inch smaller than the construction paper on all 4 sides.

Step 2

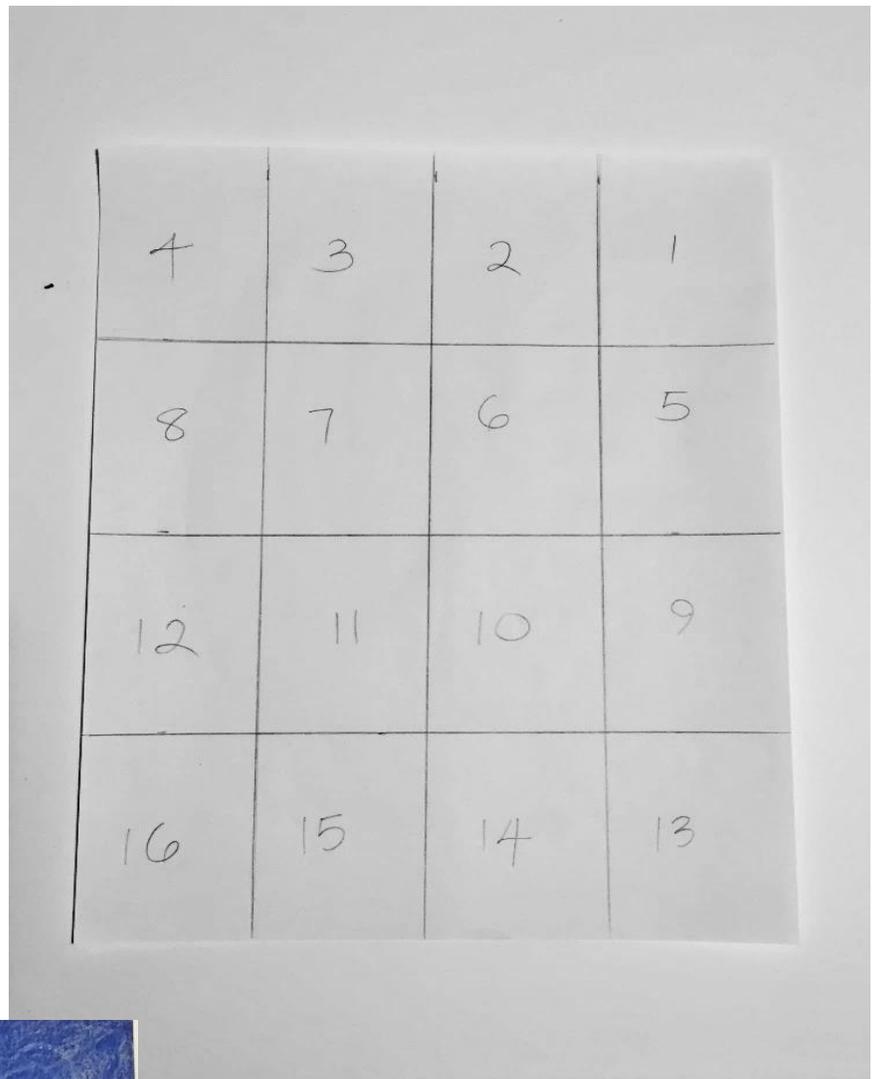
Using a ruler, draw a grid on the sketch pad or printer paper so that there are 12 -16 squares or rectangles (see photo). Ask an adult for help if needed.



Step 3

Number the squares but begin on the top right as shown in the photo. Ask an adult for help if needed.

(When the page gets flipped over, number 1 will be on the left corner.)



Step 4

Next create your picture on the blank side (the numbered squares will be at the back of your picture). It can be a picture of anything, but a single object or a picture with a few large objects works best for this project.

Step 5

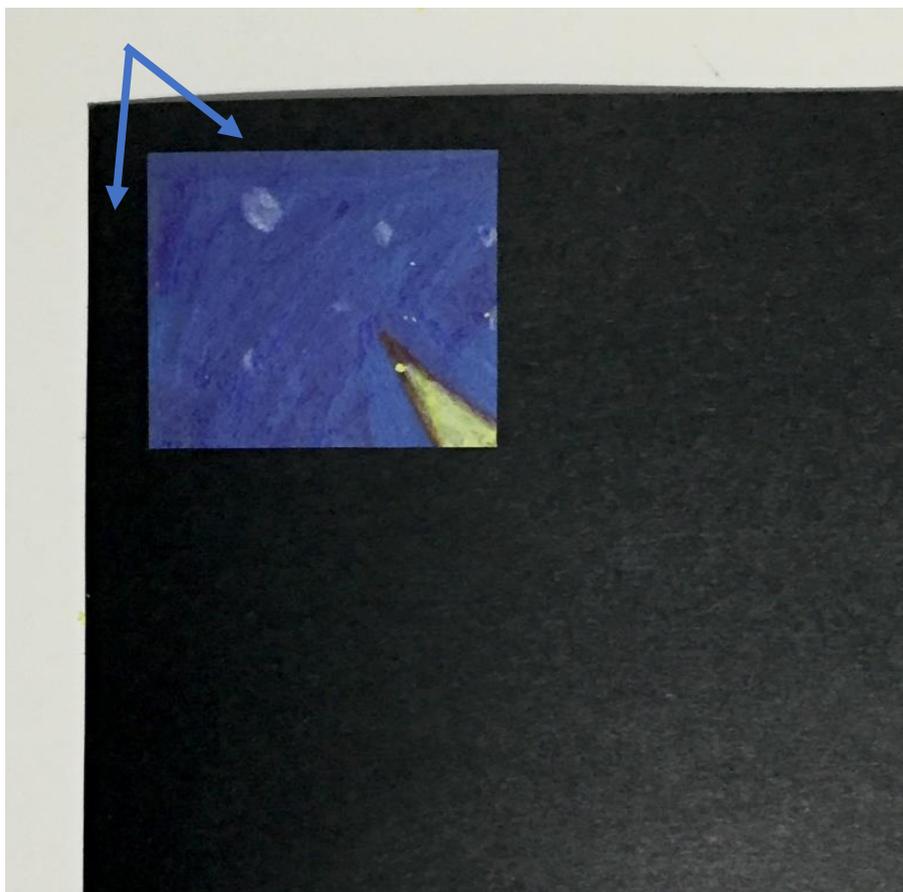
Now flip your drawing over and cut along those lines so that there are many squares. Don't worry, you'll put it back together soon.



Step 6

Using the paper glue, stick the square numbered 1 at the top left corner of the colored construction paper but leave some room on the edges as shown here.

For the next step, you'll want to make sure that you have your squares in the correct order.



Before going further, set your squares out next to your project and position them in the order they'll need to be stuck down. This will help you to stick the squares in the correct order.

Step 7

Continue sticking the pieces down but notice how small even spaces are left between the squares so that the construction paper shows. This gives the effect of a tile mosaic.



As you go along, check your spaces between and try your best to keep them even.



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