



## Farmer's Market Magazine Mosaic



**Lesson Objective:** Practice cutting out geometric shapes and working with contrasting colors to make a mosaic of a plant—fruit, vegetable, flower, tree etc.

### Materials:

- Square piece of cardboard or old cereal box
- Scissors
- Old magazines, paint samples, junk mail—any colorful paper

that you can cut up

- Image of the fruit or vegetable or flower you choose to sketch, or a living plant outside you can sketch, or a piece of fruit from the kitchen—something to be your still life model
- Glue
- Black marker or crayon

1. Cut out a square piece of cardboard roughly 10 in. x 10 in.— you can decide the exact size you want to use
2. Using a pencil, sketch your plant onto the cardboard, making sure it reaches and touches each side of the cardboard
3. Once your sketch is completed, outline the drawing with permanent marker or crayon
4. Collect many old magazines with colorful pages
5. Decide what the main color of your plant will be and start tearing pages from the magazines that have that color
6. Begin cutting geometric shapes—squares, triangles, rectangles, rhombus, trapezoids that are roughly  $\frac{1}{2}$  in x  $\frac{1}{2}$  in big—these don't have to be exact and can vary in size and shape
7. Use a glue stick or white glue and place some glue on a section of your plant where you will begin placing the shapes
8. Use a pencil and dab some glue on the end to help pick up shapes to place on the plant—leave a small space between shapes as you glue them down to create the mosaic look
9. Find a contrasting color to use in the background of your plant—a color that is opposite your plants color on the color wheel

**CONTRASTING COLOR:** colors that are on opposite ends of the color wheel, like blue & orange, or red & green, or purple & yellow

**GEOMETRIC SHAPES:** shapes that come from geometry, made out of points and lines

**Optional:** When mosaic is complete take a brush and white glue and carefully brush glue over the whole mosaic to create a sealed finish.

**\* If you have access to a computer click on this link for instruction**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdgkUpXq7wI>

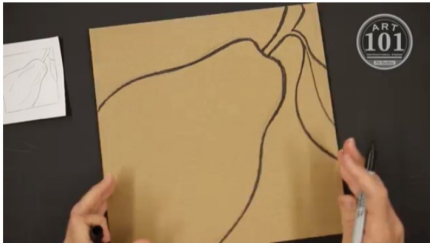
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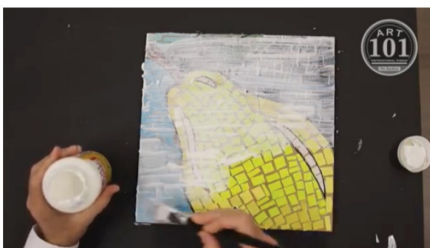
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4. Optional



color wheel



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