

Plaster Mosaic

Ages 4 and Up

Mix your plaster in an orange juice carton cut in half or some other container that can go in the trash when you're done. If using a bucket you want to keep, then clean it out using the garden hose outside so you don't accidentally pour plaster down your kitchen sink.



Materials:

Plaster of Paris

Disposable Sushi Tray

Tile Shapes – go to www.mosaicbasics.com

or

Tile Pieces – break up tiles with a hammer

Glass Pebbles

Disposable Rubber Gloves

Directions:

1. Mix together 1 ½ cups of plaster and ¾ cup of water in a disposable container. I like to use my hands (use rubber gloves) to mix the plaster and remove all the lumps.
2. Pour the plaster (it will be thick) into the sushi tray. Wiggle the tray to even out the plaster. Put gloves and mixing container in the trash.
3. Have your child place tile pieces on the surface of the plaster. Be careful not to bury the pieces in the plaster. It's best just to place them on the surface because they will sink into the plaster on their own.
4. Allow the plaster to set for 1 hour.
5. Remove the hardened plaster from the sushi tray and smooth the rough edges with a butter knife.
6. Display as desired.

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