

## Trivet - using the direct method

A mosaic trivet for the centre of the table is both decorative and functional.

This is a great project to start with because you don't need any tools and there is no cutting required.

I have chosen four shades of blue but choose whatever colour palette you like and play with a design.

I have used glass tiles because of their beauty and because, unlike ceramic tiles, they do not stain and are heat resistant.



### Materials

#### Vitreous Glass Tiles

- Border = 44 tiles
- Main colour - 57 tiles
- Second colour - 24 tiles
- Third colour - 20 tiles

Base board, either MDF or plywood 260mm x 260mm

Permanent marker

Ruler

Craft Knife

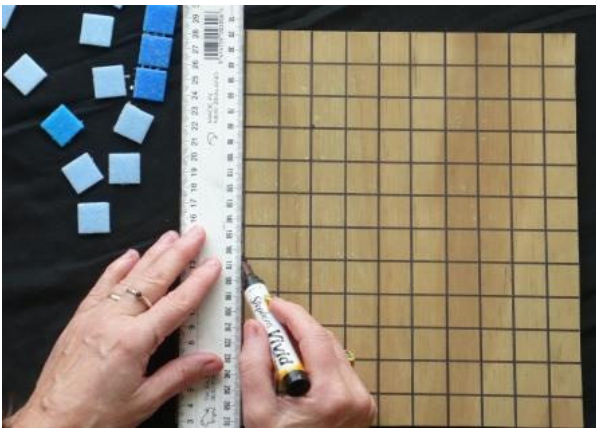
PVA and brush

Grout and squeegee

Clean cloth

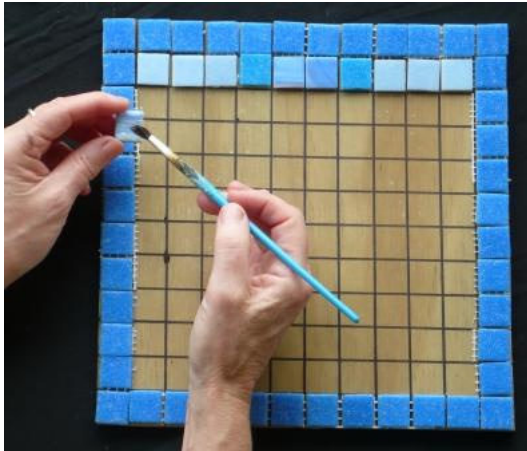
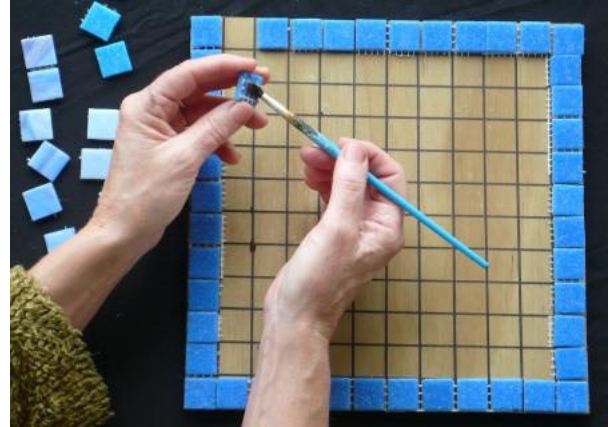
Black enamel paint

1. Draw the grid on the base board using the permanent marker and ruler.



2. Score the base board using a craft knife - this will give more grip for the tiles.
3. Play with your tiles until you have decided on your design.

4. Start with the border colour. Glue the tiles down by buttering the back of each tile and placing within the grid lines.



5. Continue with your design, buttering the back of each tile before you place it on the grid.
6. Leave the completed piece for 24 hours to allow the glue to dry thoroughly.



7. Grouting - mix the grout as per package instructions or view instructions on [www.everythingmosaicnz.com/grout.html](http://www.everythingmosaicnz.com/grout.html)



8. Spread the grout evenly onto the tiles and using a squeegee press the grout into all the spaces (interstices). Be sure to also grout the edges.
9. When the entire surface is covered with grout use the squeegee to remove the excess grout.

10. Once a haze begins to form on the tiles it is time to use a clean soft cloth to remove the grout from the surface of the tiles.

11. Leave for an hour and give the trivet a final buff with a soft clean cloth.



12. Paint the edges and backside of the trivet with black enamel paint.

Enjoy

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