

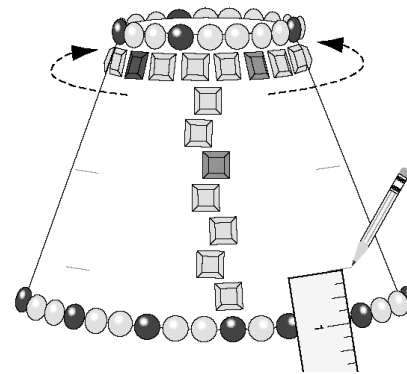
# Clearly Mosaics™

## Free! Idea Sheet

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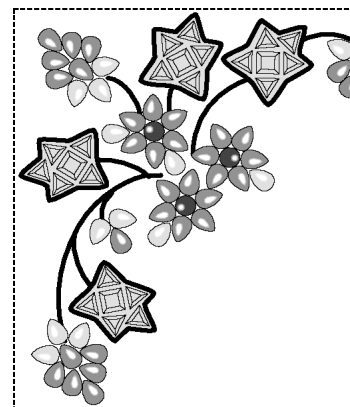
Please follow basic instructions on packages of Clearly Mosaics™ acrylic pieces & grout.

- 1. To make a sticky tool for picking up and positioning mosaic pieces.** . . Place a small piece of reusable, putty-like adhesive (stationery supply) on the eraser end of a pencil.
- 2. What kind of glue to use.** . . Clear silicone sealer works well for most project surfaces, both flat and curved. For flat surfaces that can be positioned horizontally while being worked on, transparent glass art paint may be used as both glue and finishing texture.
- 3. Important silicone technique.** . . Use enough silicone to cover entire back of each mosaic piece, allowing a tiny bit to seep out around the edges when mosaic piece is pressed in place. This will prevent grout or faux leading (dimensional paint) from creeping under mosaic pieces.
- 4. About space between mosaic pieces.** . . If project is to be finished with grout, leave  $\frac{1}{16}$ – $\frac{1}{8}$ " (2–3 mm) between pieces. Use the time it takes for silicone to set up, to adjust the position of mosaic pieces.
- 5. While silicone is still wet.** . . Use a toothpick or knitting needle to remove excess from around stones. This will allow grout and faux leading to adhere properly. If silicone dries before excess is removed, use a craft knife to cut around mosaic pieces, and a toothbrush to brush excess away. Let silicone dry thoroughly before proceeding with final steps.
- 6. About grout.** . . Add water sparingly to a portion of powder, and mix. Add more grout or water as necessary until mixture is the consistency of pie dough. To remove excess grout, have ready a container of water and a soft, damp sponge. Wipe gently in a circular motion, rinsing sponge often. Let grout cure overnight. Polish grout haze off with glass cleaner and soft cloth.



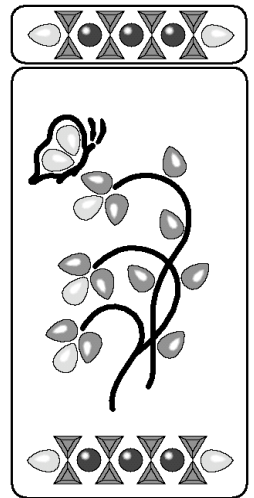
**Lamp shade:** For a scalloped edge, glue one row of round mosaic pieces around the top of the shade, so that the pieces extend beyond the edge. Glue a vertical row of mosaic pieces onto the shade, staggering pieces side to side; ending with a round piece at the bottom. Glue a row of round pieces around the bottom edge of the shade, as on the top edge. Lightly pencil in a few marks to indicate the height of

rows around the shade. Beginning at the top, complete pattern gluing on horizontal rows. Glue square pieces a third of the way around to the left of the vertical row, then a third of the way to the right. Finish each row, adjusting pieces before the silicone sets up.



**Mirror:** Create pattern to fit the mirror. Place tulle netting over the pattern and trace the design using a permanent marker. Let dry. Place tulle over mirror, and use a china marker to trace pattern through tulle onto glass. Flip and/or rotate tulle and repeat step, tracing the pattern onto all corners. Paint stems and leaf outlines with faux leading or dimensional paint. Let paint dry thoroughly. Fill leaves with transparent glass art paint & place mosaic pieces on top while paint is wet. Use silicone to adhere grape clusters and flowers.

**Canisters:** Paint stems & butterfly outline with faux leading, dimensional paint. Let paint dry. Fill butterfly with glass art paint, & place mosaic pieces on top while paint is wet. Use silicone to glue remaining pieces to surface.



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