



## Dried Seed Mosaics

Hey Year 3's. I hope you are safe and well. Here's another art activity for you to try. Miss you all! Ash

### Summary:

Using dried beans, lentils, popcorn or other types of seeds for this project. In fact, if you use dried beans, you can leave them in their natural colourful state (black eyed peas, red kidney beans etc).

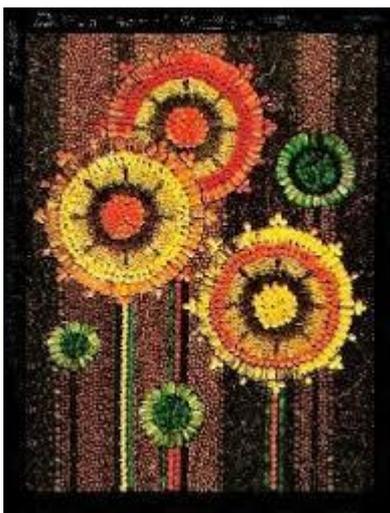
### Mosaics:

Mosaics are made of tiny coloured pieces of stone, pottery, glass or other materials, arranged together and set in plaster or cement to make patterns and images. They can be used to decorate a floor, a wall or in some cases a ceiling.

Mosaics have a long history. They were created in Ancient times in Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome. When the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum (which were buried under lava when Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79) were rediscovered, many wonderful mosaics were found.

Ask your students to imagine, making a mosaic using over one million pieces of glass – all hand cut, and placed into wet plaster to create a large pattern for their entry hall! It is a project that would take months and, in some cases, even many years to complete.

For several centuries, interest in the making of mosaics declined. It was not until the 19th century, when architects started to look at old ideas for new inspirations, that the interest once again returned, and mosaics began popping up in public buildings and private homes.



### What You Need:

- Pumpkin Seeds (clean)
- Paint (dark colours) (or food colouring)
- Paint brush
- Shallow container (or zip close baggie)
- Thick paper (poster board)

Glue  
Pencils  
Wax paper or newspaper

What You Do:

Put the seeds into a shallow dish, squirt some paint on the seeds and mix the paint around until all seeds are covered in paint. They should do this for as many colours as they need.

Alternatively, the seeds can be placed in a zip close baggie with a squirt of paint (or food colouring). Then, the bag can be shaken as the seeds take on the colour of the paint or food colouring.

Spread the seeds out on greaseproof paper (or newspaper) and let dry overnight.

While they are waiting for the seeds to dry, you can draw a picture onto paper. Some ideas include masks, fish, animals or flowers.

Remember to keep it simple as you are “colouring in” with seeds.

When the seeds are dry, they can be arranged and glued onto the poster paper in the appropriate areas.

Have fun! Ash