

Think and learn

1 Read and match.

pieces of glass and stone

mosaic

surface



A mosaic is a special kind of art where a surface is covered by small pieces of coloured glass or stone. The pieces – or 'tiles' – are placed carefully and stuck together tightly. They can make amazing designs and pictures.

2 Look and read. Write *t* (true), *f* (false) or *ds* (doesn't say).

MOSAICS fascinating facts!

Mosaics have been found from many different times and in many different countries.

- Some of the earliest known mosaics are from Western Asia. They are over 4,000 years old.
- The two biggest mosaic museums in the world are in Turkey.
- Mosaics were very popular in Roman times. They were strong, easy to clean and waterproof, so the Romans often used them on the floors of big buildings.
- One of the most famous mosaic artists in the 20th century was Antoni Gaudi, from Barcelona in Spain. His mosaics can be seen all over the city – on houses, big buildings and in parks. Mosaic souvenirs are very popular in Barcelona!
- The biggest mosaic in the world today is on a wall in Hanoi, Vietnam. It is around 6.5 km long. It is made of stone tiles from a local village.
- A French street artist, known as Invader, has become famous for his mosaics on walls in cities all over the world. They show characters from 1970s video games!



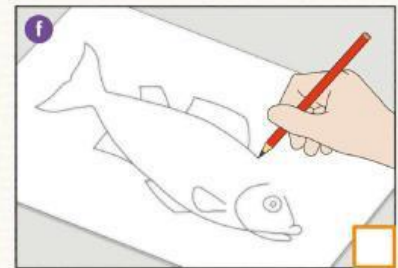
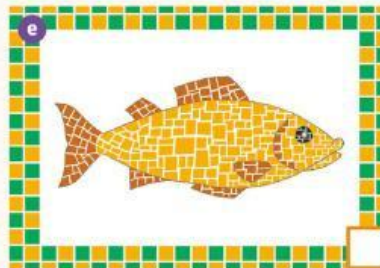
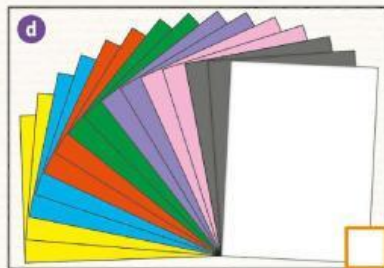
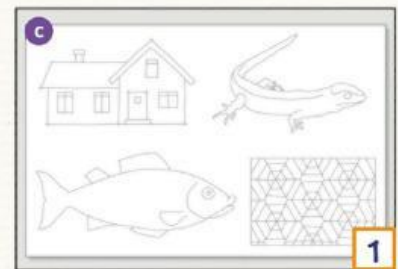
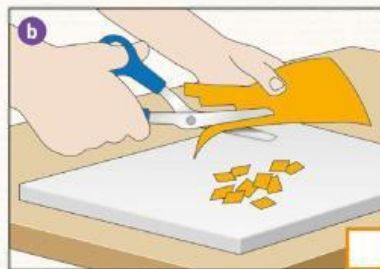
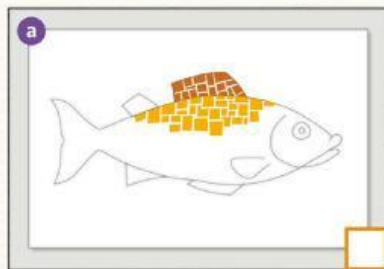
- 1 You can see mosaics all over Istanbul.
- 2 The biggest mosaic in the world today is in Turkey.
- 3 In Roman times, mosaics were very useful.
- 4 You have to go to a museum to see Gaudi's mosaics.
- 5 The mosaic in Vietnam is made of materials from near Hanoi.
- 6 You can see Invader's work in Paris.

ds

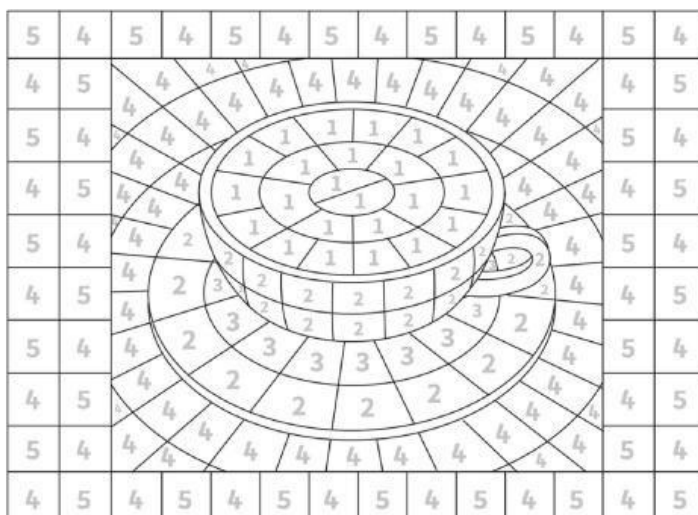
3 Look, read and number the pictures.

Although traditional mosaics are made with glass or stone tiles, you can make your own using paper. Just follow these simple steps:

- 1 Draw some ideas for your design.
- 2 Choose your favourite design and copy it onto a piece of white card.
- 3 Take some sheets of paper in different colours.
- 4 Cut the paper into small pieces to make your 'tiles'.
- 5 Stick your paper 'tiles' onto your design. Leave a little white space between the 'tiles'.
- 6 You have a finished mosaic!



4 Look. What do you think the mosaic will show?



5 Colour and check. Was your prediction right?

6 Project Follow the instructions in Activity 3 to make your own paper mosaic.

Key

- 1 brown 4 red
2 blue 5 yellow
3 grey