

DIAMOND TECH CRAFTS: Festive Mosaic Ornaments

Add some shimmering color to your Christmas Tree with Classico Mini Tiles!



Festive Mosaic Ornaments

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

TIME TO COMPLETE: 4 hours

MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- 3 – 3" Smoothfoam Balls
- 1 package Diamond Tech™ Classico Mini Iridescent Tiles.
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- 1 - 2 LB Container Jennifer's Mosaics™ White Grout
- 16G Tinned Copper Wire"
- E-6000® Adhesive
- Round Nose Pliers
- Flush Cutters
- Metal Skewer

BASIC SUPPLIES

- Latex or nitrile gloves
- Paper towels
- Newspaper or kraft paper
- Water
- Disposable cup
- Smooth cloth
- Pencil



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover the work area with newspaper or kraft paper.
2. Carefully push the metal skewer through the Smoothfoam ball to create a channel for the wire. Cut about a 10" length of tinned copper wire and thread it through the channel leaving 1" on one end. Using the round nose pliers, bend the 1" section to make a "U" and insert it into the ball so that it is even with the surface of the ball. Apply glue to the openings to secure the wire. Repeat with additional balls.
3. Position a yellow fusible shape in the center of the kiln paper.
4. Sort desired colors into piles. This projects used three combinations; blues and grays, red, yellow, green and white, and multicolor.
5. Using a pencil, draw parallel lines on each ball to help place the tiles. TIP: Mosaicing on a curved surface can be tricky. To prevent the bowl from rolling, place it on a bag of rice or beans or in a bowl or bucket with paper to support it.
6. Working with about a quarter of the ball at a time, spread adhesive onto the ball and adhere 5 or 6 tiles within each of the sections. Space tiles about 1/8" apart.
7. Allow adhesive to set for about 5 minutes, Continue this process until the all rows are completed. Tip: You can work on all three ornaments at the same time if you wish, moving from the first to the third as you add rows, once you have finished the third the first should be ready for additional tiles.
8. Allow mosaic to dry overnight.
9. Mix 1 cup of white grout with enough water (6 tablespoons) to achieve the consistency of peanut butter.
10. With a gloved hand, smooth grout over tile, filling in the crevices. Remove as much excess grout as you can with your hand.
11. After 10 minutes, use a damp sponge or paper towels to remove grout haze. Allow to set overnight.
12. When dry, buff with a smooth cloth.
13. Using the round nose pliers, curl each wire into a swirl to create a hook.