

Instructions Making a Stepping Stone

Mosaic stepping stones are simple, fun projects that create beautiful results! Stones are made using the innovative Mosaic Indirect Method. The advantage of the Indirect Method is it requires no gluing or grouting and the surface is usually very smooth and flat.

It is important to note, that when choosing your tesserae (pieces that create your mosaic) for your stepping stone project, pieces should have a relatively flat surface.

Materials:

- Pen
- Scissors
- Contact Paper
- Petroleum Jelly
- Paper Towel
- Jennifer's Outdoor™ Cement
- Measuring Cup
- Mixing Bowl and Spoon
- Tesserae of your choice
- Pattern
- Newspaper or drop cloth

Step 1 - Preparation

1. Choose a pattern for your stepping stone. You can find a wide assortment of patterns in mosaic books found at your local library or create your own.
2. Cover your work surface with newspaper or a drop cloth.
3. Place your mold on the surface of a piece of contact paper (contact paper is available from stained glass, craft suppliers and grocery stores) and trace along the outside edge of the mold with a pen. Cut the clear contact paper to the size of the outline. **NOTE:** Contact paper should be smooth, free of creases and fit exactly inside the mold.
4. To achieve a good fit, place the trimmed contact paper inside the mold and run a pen along the sides of the mold. Trim away areas marked by the pen.
5. Using a paper towel, apply a thin coat of petroleum jelly along the inner edges of the mold and set aside.



FIG. 1

Step 2 – Place Glass

1. Place pattern underneath the contact paper. Peel the backing off the contact paper so the sticky side is facing up. If need be, tape to hold pattern and contact paper in place.
2. Follow the pattern, place tesserae (mosaic pieces) on the contact paper, face down to fill in the pattern. All pieces should be placed 1/8" apart and away from the pattern edge to allow for cement. **NOTE:** If using stained glass the desired side of the glass will be face down (like an upside down cake).
3. Adjust pieces as necessary and press them firmly onto the contact paper.
4. When finished, place contact paper into the mold with the tesserae facing up



FIG. 2

(FIG. 1). Use diagram below for placement.



Step 3 – Pour Cement

1. Wear a dust mask and mix Jennifer's Outdoor Cement following the directions on the cement label. **NOTE:** Jennifer's Outdoor Cement is specially formulated for outdoor mosaic projects – use for best results. If you wish to color your cement add Colorants™ to the water, then mix with the cement.
2. Pour cement slowly and evenly into the mold (FIG. 2). Do not move the mold while the cement is drying.
3. Tap the sides of the mold for two to three minutes to release any air bubbles in the cement.
4. Wait approximately 5-24 hours (time may vary due to climate) for the cement to harden. The cement will warm as it hardens. Once it has cooled and set remove the stone from the mold.
5. To remove the stone turn the mold over and lift up the edges of the mold (FIG. 3).
6. Peel off the contact paper and clean any excess cement covering the tesserae. You may clean the cement with a paper towel, sponge or craft knife.
7. Fill in any remaining air holes by mixing a small amount of Jennifer's Outdoor Cement into a paste and rubbing the cement into the holes in a circular motion. If your project gets any marks or if you have contact lines on the cement you may smooth the cement out with sandpaper.
8. Wear a dust mask and mix Jennifer's Outdoor Cement following the directions on the cement label. Allow stone to cure for 24-48 hours before placing outdoors.



FIG. 3

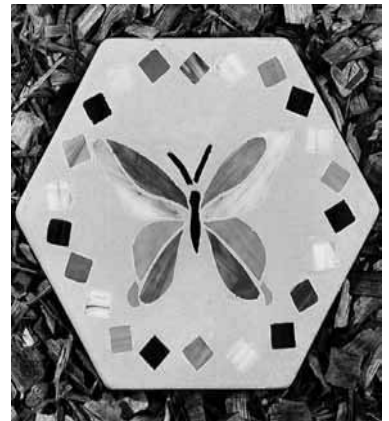


FIG. 4