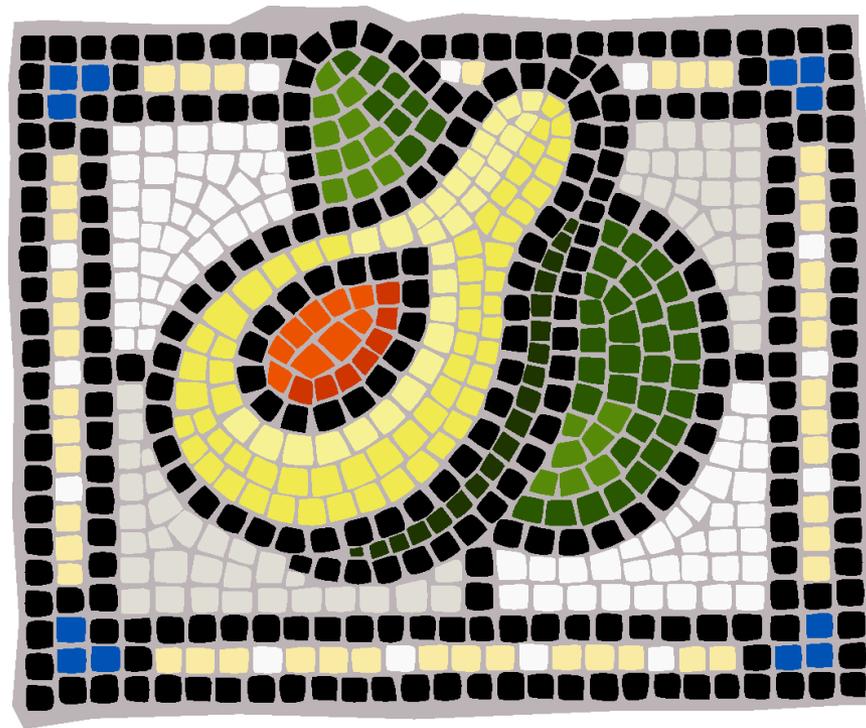


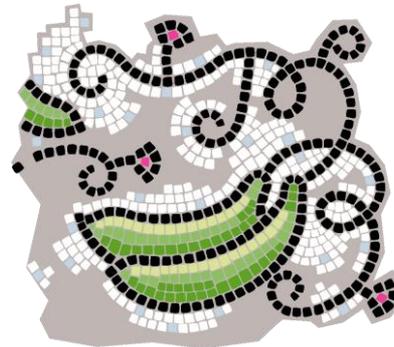
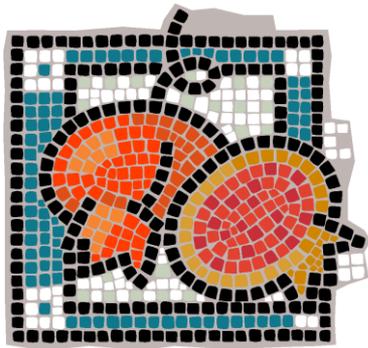
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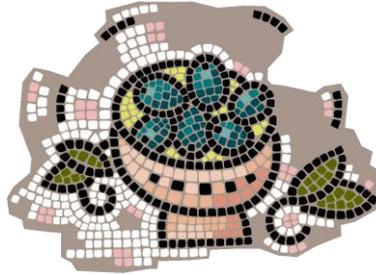
L.O: To design and make a Roman-style mosaic.

You will:

- Learn how Romans made mosaics
- Plan and create your own mosaic



Roman Mosaics



Rich Romans lived in houses called *VILLAS*. The floors and walls of these Villas were decorated in elaborate *MOSAICS*.

MOSAICS showed everything from scenes of everyday life, to fantastic images from Roman and Greek *MYTHOLOGY*.

Many Romans believed that more colourful *MOSAICS* would show people how wealthy they were!

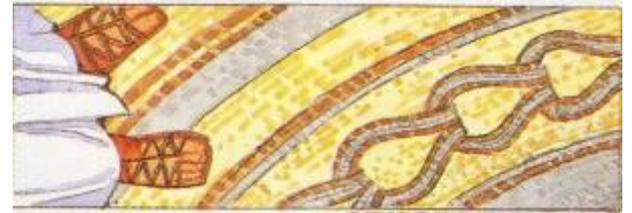
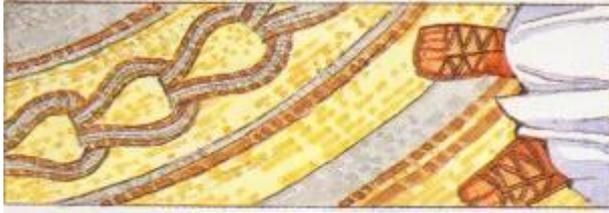
The Romans often used mosaics a bit like we would a floor rug for decoration.

What do Roman mosaics and your computer or TV screen have in common?



Would you agree they both have pixels?

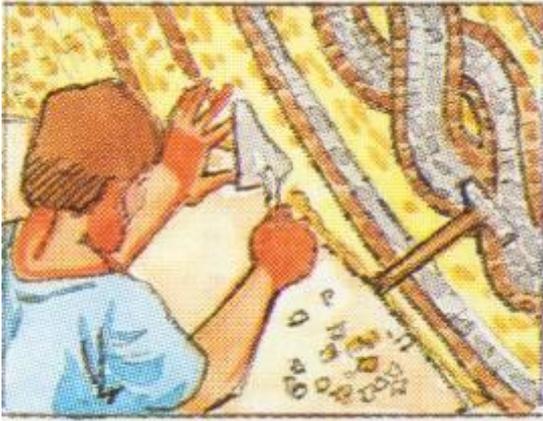
How Romans made Mosaics



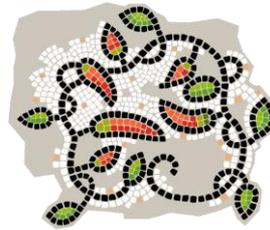
First, an expert *Mosaic maker* would draw a plan of the design and pattern.

A small area of the floor at a time is covered in wet plaster. Why would they only do a small bit at a time?





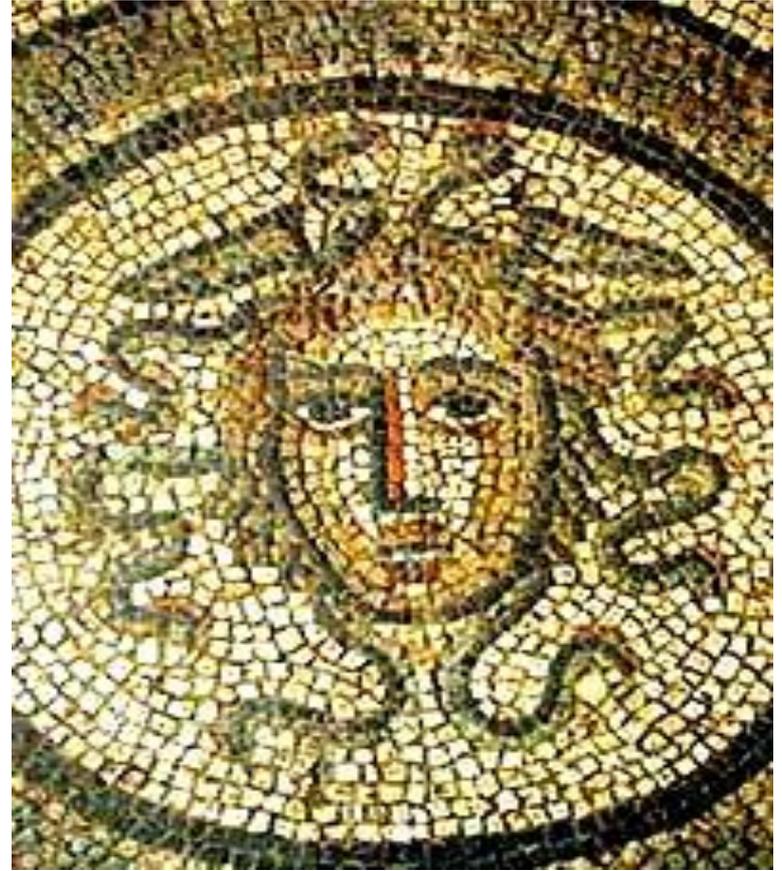
The mosaic maker would then add small pieces of tile to the plaster. The tiles are laid according to the design. Why would they follow the design?

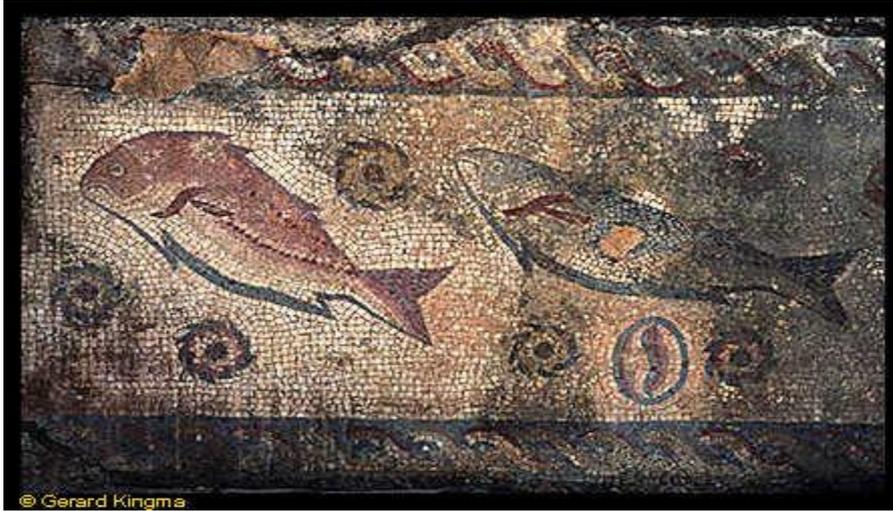


When the mosaic was finished it would be polished. Why do you think they would polish the mosaic?



These are actual ROMAN MOSAICS.









Task 1 - How to make your mosaic



Planning

Why is it important to plan something before you make it?

You will now sketch plan a variety of mosaic designs.

Remember to think about the tiles and shapes you will use later!

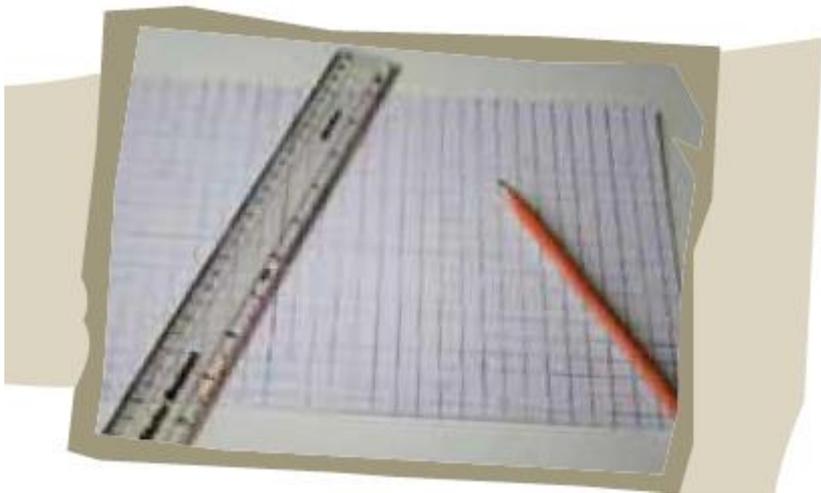
Task 2

When you have all finished, choose one of the designs you would like to make.

Follow the steps.

1. Draw up a grid.
2. Plan which colours you will use where by writing them on the grid. 4 to 6 colours works best.
3. Cut coloured bits of paper to size and glue these on to finish your design.





B – blue
Y – yellow

G – green
BR – brown

R – red
BL – black



Collect each set of coloured tiles in different pots ready to make your mosaic.



Top tips

If you have a computer, you can print out a 1cm x 1cm grid onto your paper by drawing out a grid in Word or similar computer software. For younger children you can buy ready-to-use paper squares from craft shops.

If you don't fancy making the fiddly tiles at all, you can create the look of a mosaic by completing sections one and two of this activity and then use paints, pens or coloured pencils to draw 'tiles' straight onto the grid!



