

Mosaic Art

Key Vocabulary

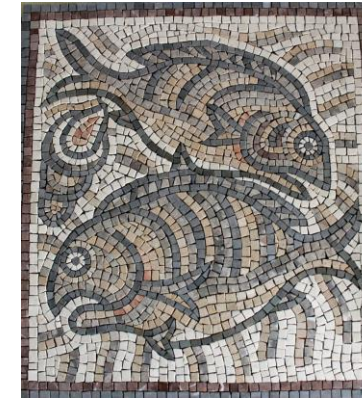
design	Draw your own mosaic.
frame	The outside edge of the mosaic holding it all in place.
grout	The white paste used to fill in the gaps between the tiles.
mosaic	A picture made from lots of small stones or tiles.
observe	To look closely at other mosaics.
plaster	The cement-like glue used to stick the tiles down.
set	When the plaster hardens.
tesserae	The coloured square pieces of stone or tile used to create pictures.

Examples of mosaics

Roman mosaic: Medusa



Modern mosaics



Key Facts

The floors of Roman buildings were often decorated with mosaics - tiny coloured stones (tesserae).

Many mosaics captured scenes of history and everyday Roman life.

Mosaics included lots of repeated patterns and shapes like squares, triangles and circles.

Mosaics are made by using plaster to stick tiles of different colours in different patterns to create a picture.

Tier 2 Word	Definition
evident	clearly seen or understood; obvious
interpret	To explain what you think something is or why you think something happened using evidence from the past.
source	Something that comes from the past or can be used to explain about the past.