

**Free
Project
Idea!**

To My Valentine



Forget-Me-Knot Mosaic Stepping Stone

Stepping stones add an artistic accent to your garden
and make unique gifts!

Stained glass mosaics are fun projects for crafters of all ages, including kids!

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Basic Supplies List:

- 9" Heart Stepping Stone Mold
- 2 pkg Vintage Mosaics Red Toile
- 2 pkg Red Stained Glass Chips
- 1 Red Gem
- Outdoor Cement
- Red Acrylic Paint
- Bone Grout
- Pen
- Scissors
- Measuring Cup
- Mixing Bowl and Spoon
- Petroleum Jelly
- Paper Towel
- Tracing Paper

Directions:

Step 1 - Preparation

1. To protect work area, cover with newspaper.
2. Using a paper towel, apply a thin coat of petroleum jelly along the inner edges of the empty mold.

Step 2 – Pour Cement

1. Mix Outdoor Cement following the directions on the label. Wear a dust mask while mixing.
2. Pour cement slowly and evenly into mold, gently tap sides of mold to release any air bubbles in cement.
3. Do not move mold while the cement is drying. Wait approximately thirty minutes to one hour (time may vary due to climate) for cement to harden. The cement will warm as it hardens.
4. Once it has cooled and set, remove the stone by turning mold over and lifting up the edges of the mold.

Step 3 – Tile Placement

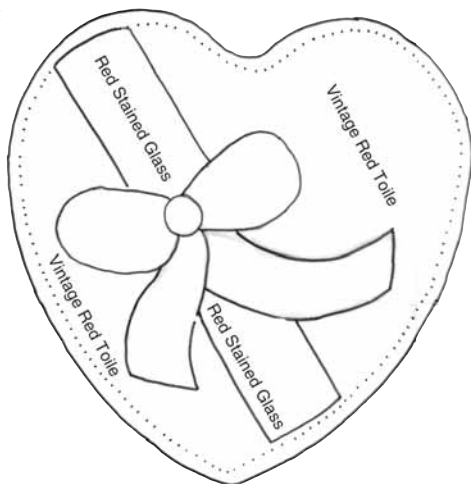
1. Enlarge the pattern below by 416%. Determine the center of the heart stepping stone and align with the center of the pattern. Place carbon paper between the pattern and the surface of the stone and trace the pattern onto the stepping stone.
2. Arrange Vintage Tile on the entire surface of the heart stone, leaving approx. 1/8" gap between pieces and at the outer edge. Nip or break tile pieces with a Tile Nipper to fit.
3. Lift each tile piece and apply a thin layer of glue to the back. Firmly press each tile piece onto the stone to match the pattern. Allow glue to dry approximately 4 hour.

Step 4 – Grouting

1. Reserve a few tablespoons of grout and set aside. Adding 1 tablespoon of water at a time to remaining grout, mix with craft stick until the grout reaches "fudge-like" consistency. If it is too watery, add the reserved dry grout in small amounts until the consistency is correct.
2. Wearing a disposable glove, spread the grout into all the nooks and crannies. Wait about 15 minutes for grout to set.
3. Begin to gently wipe away the excess grout using a paper towel taking care not to pull grout out of tile spaces. It is very important to remove any grout from the tile surface before grout is completely dry.
4. Using the soft cloth, buff the tiles to a clean shine.
Allow 24 hours for the mosaic piece to dry.

Step 5 – Glass Placement (Ribbon and Bow)

1. For the ribbon and bow, place a red gem in the center of the bow area (see diagram). Nip and arrange the stained glass chips on top of the tile following the pattern.
2. Lift each glass piece and apply a thin layer of glue to the back. Firmly press each glass piece in place matching the pattern. Allow glue to dry approximately 4 hour.
3. Grout ribbon following the instruction in **Step 4**. For added contrast paint grout of the ribbon using red acrylic paint.



Heart Pattern Enlarge Pattern By 416%

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