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PROJECT TITLE:

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DESIGNED BY:

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SKILL LEVEL: *(Adult 1-5: 1 being the easiest, 5 being most difficult)*

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TIME TO COMPLETE:

3 days

PROJECT TIP:

- Use a Lazy Suzanne to work on. It makes placing tiles a breeze.
- To save time, use pre-made stepping stones purchased from your local home center.
- Pattern can be enlarged to fit any size stone.
- Never dispose of grout directly down a drain.
- If grouting without latex gloves, pour vinegar over hands to restore skin PH.

VENDOR NAME:

Diamond Tech

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To protect work area, cover with newspaper.
2. Collect all supplies needed for the project and place them on the work surface.
3. If using a pre-cast stone, skip to Step 8.
4. If casting your own stone, use a paper towel to apply a thin coat of petroleum jelly inside an 8" mold.
5. Place 5 cups of Jennifer's Outdoor Cement™ into a mixing bowl and slowly add 12 ounces of water. Wear a dust mask while mixing. Add additional water, 2 ounces at a time, until you have a pourable consistency.
6. Pour cement slowly and evenly into the mold; gently tap sides of mold to release any air bubbles in cement.
7. Allow to set for 5-12 hours. Once set, remove the stone from the mold by turning mold over and lifting the edges. Allow stone to completely dry for 12 more hours on newspaper before proceeding to the next step.

8. Use scissors to cut out the pattern. Next cut a piece of contact paper the same size as your pattern.
9. Working with contact paper is a variation of the direct method. Place the clear contact paper over the pattern so the backing is facing up; remove the backing paper. To hold the contact paper and pattern in place, tape it to your work surface.
10. Use a Wheeled Tile Nipper; nip Jennifer's Mosaics™ glass tiles into desired shapes. Fit pieces inside the pattern outlines to fill, leaving 1/8" between each piece.
11. Once you are happy with the design, press firmly on the glass to secure it to the contact paper. Remove tape from contact paper and pattern.
12. Apply a thin layer of glue to the top of the stone. Lift stone and place it glue side down onto the contact paper. Firmly press the stone onto the glass and contact paper. Turn stone right-side up and allow glue to dry according to the manufacture's recommendations.
13. Once glue has dried according to the packaging description, peel back the contact paper and remove. Should glass pieces lift out of position, apply glue and realign into the pattern.
14. Tape off around the edges of the stone to prevent grout from staining the sides.
15. Reserve a few tablespoons of dry grout and set aside. Place 8 oz. of bone grout into a mixing bowl and slowly add water 1 tablespoon at a time into the grout. Mix with craft stick or spoon 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.
16. Wearing a disposable glove, spread the grout into all the nooks and crannies. Wait about 15 minutes for grout to set.
17. Gently wipe away the excess grout using a paper towel or sponge, taking care not to pull grout out of glass spaces. Use your finger to smooth the grout around the outer edge of the stone. It is important to remove any grout from the tile surface before grout is completely dry.
18. Use the soft cloth; buff the glass to a clean shine. Allow 24 hours for the mosaic piece to dry.

MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

- 8" Precast stone or Round Stepping Stone Mold
- Outdoor Cement #507J (Optional)
- Petroleum Jelly (Optional)
- 1 pkg. Jennifer's Mosaics™ each: White (#351J), Iridized White (#351IR) Orange (#354J) Green (#355J) Variety (#361J)
- Jennifer's Mosaics™ Bone Grout (# 582)
- Jennifer's Mosaics™ Wheeled Tile Nipper (# 491J)
- Millefiori (#FW836)
- Contact Paper
- E-6000® or similar adhesive for indoor/outdoor use
- Plastic Bowl and Mixing Spoon
- Newspaper

- Scrubby or Sponge
- Safety Glasses
- Rubber Gloves
- Soft Cloth
- Painters Tape
- Measuring cup and tablespoon



