



# Bean Mosaic

- beans
- glue
- paper plate or cardboard
- paint (optional)
- paintbrush (optional)
- spray paint (optional)
- food coloring (optional)

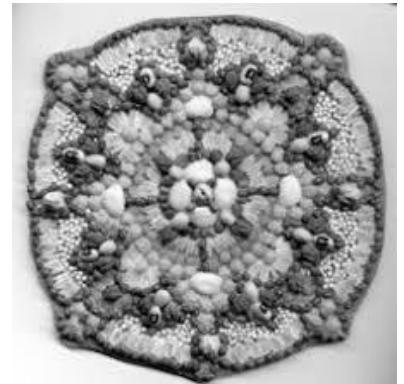
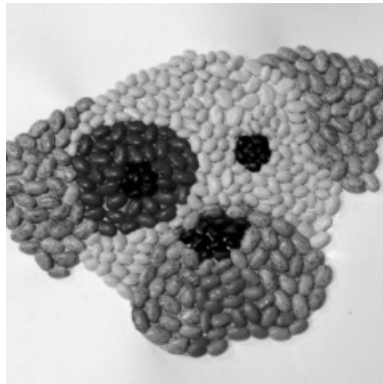
When you plant beans in soil and give them enough water and sunlight, they sprout out a little green shoot. Do you think they would produce a green shoot when you just leave them dry?

Nope. They stay the same size and shape. Water, sunlight, and soil are the food ingredients that beans need to grow.

Do you think a painted bean would still produce a green shoot?

Only one way to find out!

1. Think about the design you want to make. How many different colors of beans will you need? Which color will you need the most of? You don't need different colors, but it would make your mosaic more interesting!
2. There are a few ways to paint beans. If you have spray paint, spread the beans on newspaper and spray until they are covered. Let them dry for about 10 minutes, and then flip them over so you can spray the other side. If you have food coloring, add one cup of beans and fifteen drops of food coloring to a container (bag or tupperware). Seal and shake until the beans are coated. Spread them out to dry. If you have paint, spread the beans on newspaper and paint them with a paintbrush. Let them dry and then paint the other side.
3. Repeat with different colors.
4. Find a paper plate or piece of cardboard. Arrange your beans loosely in your design. Use a pencil to outline your shape if that would help you.
5. Start dabbing glue on your beans and placing them in their permanent spot.
6. Finish your design and let it dry.
7. Display your art where people can admire it!



“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10

God is the original artist, musician, dancer, poet—who else would we get it from? God specializes in a certain type of art called *repurposing*. It’s when you take a boring or bland material and make it into a masterpiece. In this activity, we’re repurposing beans to make a mosaic. God can repurpose our lives too! He takes us as ordinary people and uses us to carry out his mission. Suddenly, we are an extraordinary part of his work of art! And he invites us to keep creating with him.