



Smithsonian Associates

Mosaic & Found Object Assemblage: Fun Faces Instructor: Bonnie Fitzgerald

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At first class we will review materials, substrates, adhesives and embark on a new creative adventure. There will be cutting demonstration, materials review and design lecture, but only prep work that first evening so if you do not have all of your supplies do not fret! All of your questions and concerns about materials and supplies will be answered during the first class. We will have hands on work during class sessions 2 and 3.

Recommend you work an area in the one square foot range, does not matter if square or rectangle. Helpful to have your substrate for first class and some materials and cutting tools.

Students provide:

- Appropriate substrate (prepared MDF, Wediboard or HardieBacker Board) *
 - NOTE: we will be using a few different adhesives, including thin-set mortar, if you are using MDF instructor will demonstrate proper preparation during class 1
- Thin-set mortar. Either powder form or Home Depot's "Simple set". **
- Clear Silicone adhesive (Home Depot/Lowes) ***
- 4 oz Apoxie Sculpt and solvent ****
- Weldbond
- Tile Nippers
- LePonnit Wheel nippers if you have glass materials
- Small spatulas to spread adhesives
- Tweezers, bamboo sticks (for picking)
- Paper Towels
- Safety Glasses
- Mosaic Materials: shells, pebbles, recycled stuff odd metal and rusty butts, tile, ceramic, smalti, broken dishes.
- Grout –recommend you WAIT to purchase until after 1st class

*SUBSTRATE OPTION: <https://witsendmosaic.com/mosaic-bases-frames-substrates/ez-mosaic-frames.html>

*SUBSTRATE OPTION: <https://witsendmosaic.com/mosaic-bases-frames-substrates/misc-substrates.html>

**PRE-MIXED THIN SET MORTAR: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Custom-Building-Products-SimpleSet-1-Gal-14-25-lbs-White-Pre-Mixed-Thin-Set-Mortar-STTSW1/100678075>

OR **POWDERED THIN-SET MORTAR (SMALL AMOUNT): <https://lunamosaicarts.com/collections/adhesives>

***SILICONE: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/GE-Advanced-Silicone-2-2-8-oz-Clear-Window-and-Door-Squeeze-Sealant-2709134/100179996>

****APOXIE SCULPT & SOLVENT: <https://lunamosaicarts.com/collections/adhesives>

OR APOXIE SCULPT & SOLVENT: <https://avesstudio.com/shop/apoxie-sculpt/>

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A note about setting up your workspace for class: Please DO NOT use your phone as the primary viewing of the Zoom class, desk computer, lap top or tablet will give you a more pleasurable experience. A desk lamp will be helpful.

To work along during class you will need a covered flat surface and your supplies handy. This can be a temporary set up if you are doing this from your home office, cover your desk top with newspaper. You don't need enough space to accommodate your substrate, some elbow room for cutting and if using nasty adhesives like epoxy then well ventilated.

Any questions or concerns feel free to drop me a note: bonnie@maverickmosaics.com

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