



# Smithsonian Associates

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## MOSAIC & FOUND OBJECT ASSEMBLAGE

with Bonnie Fitzgerald

This class is designed to be hugely experimental and light-hearted.

At first class, we will review materials, substrates, and adhesives and embark on a new creative adventure. There will be a cutting demonstration, materials review, and design lecture, but only prep work that first evening, so if you still need to get 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.

I recommend you work an area in the one-square-foot range, whether square or rectangular. It is helpful to have your substrate, some materials, and cutting tools for first-class work.

### Students provide:

- Appropriate substrate (prepared MDF, Wediboard, or Hardie Backer Board) \*
  - NOTE: we will be using a few different adhesives, including thin-set mortar; if you are using MDF, the 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
- LePonit 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/ezmosaic-frames.html>

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

\*\*PRE-MIXED THIN SET MORTAR: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Custom-BuildingProducts-SimpleSet-1-Gal-14-25-lbs-White-Pre-Mixed-Thin-Set-MortarSTTSW1/100678075>

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-ClearWindow-and-Door-Squeeze-Sealant-2709134/100179996>

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

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

**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, laptop 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 setup if you are doing this from your home office; cover your desktop 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop Instructor a note:  
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Here are a few images to inspire you.

