



Smithsonian Associates

MOSAIC BASICS

with Bonnie Fitzgerald

SUPPLY LIST

This online interactive workshop has been designed for the beginner and intermediate student. **Over the 3 meetings you will gain a solid knowledge base to create whatever you can imagine in mosaic.** This course is for anyone seeking an overview of materials, tools and fabrication approaches. It is the most comprehensive interactive learning opportunity available that covers everything you need to know to create technically sound and aesthetically pleasing mosaic artwork.

We build from the ground up. First substrates, what are your options and how we custom cut what we need. Learn what Adhesive is the best for any given project.

Samples of the most popular mosaic tesserae choices used in contemporary mosaics are included in your kit. We play and experiment while looking at the most commonly used cutting tools. We practice proper tool use and help you decide what are the best tools to have in your arsenal. Instructor demonstrates extensively what tool does what job!

REQUIRED Instructor provided kit, \$50 payable to Instructor. You will receive details 2+ weeks prior to workshop start with kit purchase and shipping information.

Kits include: 1/4 pound of mixed smalti (Italian and Mexican), a selection of stained glass, millefiori, stone, porcelain, ceramic, enough thin-set mortar, and substrates measuring 4" x 4". Students can expect to create four studio studies using the materials provided in the kits.

ALL Students must provide: simple mosaic hand tools including wheel nipper*. If you are already making mosaics, whatever tools you generally use are helpful to have on hand. Other useful tools include small spatulas, a modest amount of WeldBond (white PVA glue), safety glasses, a couple of pairs of disposable gloves, and an apron. A detailed "how to set up your space" note will go to students one week prior.

*Students will need to purchase a good-quality mosaic wheel tool. These tools are recommended brands: [Leponitt](#) or [SeaBell Wheel nipper](#).

Any questions or concerns reach out to the instructor directly: bonnie@maverickmosaics.com

