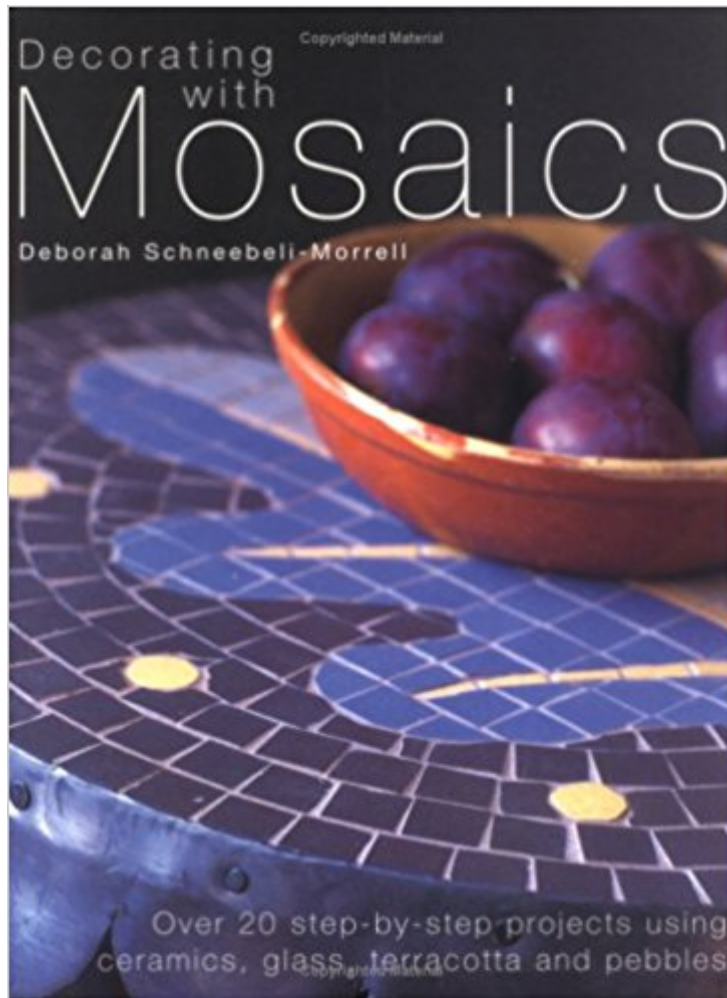




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Decorating With Mosaics



Synopsis

Mosaic artists of any skill level will want to try these 20 unique mosaic projects, which include furniture and home designs, mosaics for the garden, and gifts and accessories. Clear instructions and step-by-step photos ensure that even the beginner finds success. Experienced mosaic artists will be intrigued by the use of paper-mache, colored grout, and other innovative ideas not explored in other mosaic books.

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Although more-experienced mosaicists will want to look elsewhere, *Decorating with Mosaics* offers a decent introduction to the craft. Clear color photos illustrate every step of the directions, as well as the finished product. Utilizing shards of china and ceramic tiles with the occasional array of seashells or terra cotta, projects include bowls, plates, flowerpots, boxes, a small table, a birdbath, and a bathroom backsplash. The designs are not exceptional nor are the colors especially exciting, but the presentation is less intimidating than more-advanced guides and should prove helpful to the novice. --Amy Handy

Deborah Schneebeli-Morrell is an award-winning artist who has exhibited widely in Europe. She has appeared on radio and television and is a frequent magazine contributor. She has worked widely in art education and is the author of a number of craft books including *Simple Wire and Metal*, *Decorating With Mosaics* and *Traditional Christmas Crafts*.

This one single book has had a tremendous impact on me. I bought it 2 years ago and since have followed several of the author Morrell's ideas and instructions. Okay, I am not a natural artist, I am a wanna-be through and through. Not only did every gorgeous eye-popping-wow project, piece, layout, page inspire me but simple clear actually do-able instructions went with each project like a recipe book with step by step pictures. From the simple inlaid box, to a mosaic inlaid birdbath laid on

the inside of a garbage can lid, to complex inlaid porch stair-steps, from garden ornaments to pebble and terracotta paving slab, each finished project was amazing and there are more than 20 projects! When I remodeled my large bathroom the tub surround I bought from Lowes didn't fit the odd shaped window so I took it back (they graciously took it back!) I decided to do a mosaic back splash around the 3 fresh green board walls surrounding the new tub. My design was to use different shades of mostly blue with a few clear, white, or green to spice it up. I drew a wave pattern in pencil up the sides and across the top, encompassing the entire window frame and sills. It came out so gorgeous that it wows! everyone... and they are amazed that I did it! I totally used the instruction and techniques that I learned with this book!

Besides being a mosaic artist, I am a collector of mosaic books (more than a dozen in all) and I can't recommend this book. Not only have you seen these projects executed in a more interesting fashion in other books, the technique (what technique?) is really poor. If you follow it, you will get poor results. Buy Cheek, Goodwin, Dierks or Biggs/Hunkin instead. They are mosaicists.

This book is great for the beginner such as myself. Plenty of ideas to try, and also the start of designing something on your own. I looked at several other books on mosaics, and found them interesting, however, for the beginner and/or the craft person who doesn't need to know the why's and wherefores, these other books, I found, were for the art student, or perhaps art teacher. For someone who wants to learn how to do mosaics in her/his home for the FUN of crafting, this book answered my questions, and gave me the opportunity to make some very wonderful mosaic projects! My friends are asking me to make some projects for them. What better compliment can one have! Thank you.

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