

Bean Mosaics



Here's a simple craft using household items that's easy enough for the little ones. Great summer craft for VBS, fun fairs and art camps.

Supplies:

- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/3 cup salt
- 1/3 cup water
- Foam plate
- Dried black beans
- Dried split green peas
- Dried split yellow peas

Directions:

1. Mix together flour, salt and enough water to make a stiff dough. Knead until smooth.
2. Roll the clay into a ball and flatten onto the foam plate.



3. Lightly draw a design with a pencil onto the clay, such as the sun.

4. Press black beans into the clay, creating an outline for the design. Keep them close together, touching end to end, if possible.



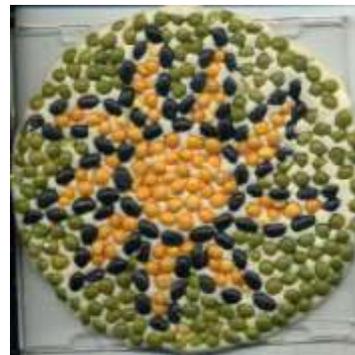
5. Press yellow split peas inside the sun design.



6. Press green split peas outside the sun design.

7. Allow to air dry completely for 2-5 days.

8. Brush with a protective coating, such as floor wax, clear nail polish, polyurethane or white glue and allow to dry.



Variation:



Let's use this Bean Mosaic Project to teach Ancient Art History in a fun and easy way! This design is a simplified replica of an actual mosaic found on the floor of one of the oldest Christian churches ever discovered in Israel.

Directions:

1. Use the directions above and print off the close-up below to use as a guide to recreate this mosaic. This mosaic uses black and red beans, green and yellow split peas and lentils.
2. Note: Create the design from the outside going in. Start with the border, and then lightly sketch one or two fish using a craft stick before filling with beans.

