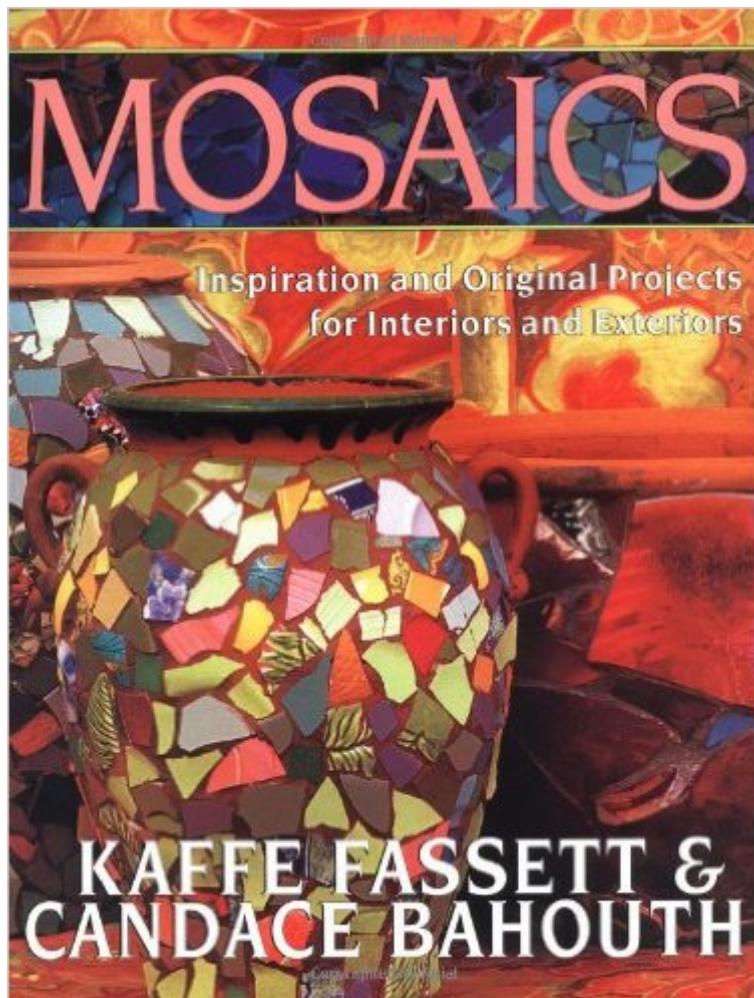


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# Mosaics: Inspiration And Original Projects For Interiors An



## **Synopsis**

The art of mosaic has been around for centuries. This book brings the process into the present, as two accomplished designers invite readers to explore dramatic color combinations using a variety of materials. This is a rich collection of creative projects for both interiors and exteriors. It includes detailed instructions for working with broken crockery and tiles, and preparing items such as window frames and mirrors. The book offers stunning yet practical ideas -- from a fine mosaic vase and window surround to a mosaic garden terrace, table, and planter.-- Features 16 imaginative projects.-- Includes step-by-step instructions for projects and materials.-- Offers designers and crafters new ways to use color.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am a budding mosaic artist and I found this book both inspirational and informative. Since I am also a book junkie I have several mosiac books and this is one of the more informative and it features some really fun stuff. I don't think any of the projects use just the little square tiles we are used to seeing in the ancient Roman and Byzantine mosaics. Candace Bahouth uses nature colored pebbles to create a truly splendid mirror. Kaffe Fassett shares a kitschy pearl covered lamp and a table made of broken ceramics and rose chips to set it on. The authors express what inspires them to make the beauty of Kaffes flower garden and Bahouth's absolutely enchanting shell grotto. These two have fun doing their art and want us to do the same. All the designs include well writen instructions and fun stories on how the pieces came to be. The pictures, stories and tips, like how to

make a "swing" effect or how to color grout once the piece is put together, were enough to inspire me to put down the book and "Collect, compose and create." This is a cool book.

This is the one book I go to - I create mosaics everyday. This is the one and only mosaic book I tell people to buy because it is great for inspiration. Creating mosaic work is much more then simply bashing plates and tiles and gluing them on flat surfaces. I believe the even the beginner "I don't know nothin about art" will learn from this book. But this book is not just for the beginner. Even the most advanced mosaic artist will love this book - if they don't already have it.

The vibrancy of Kaffe & Candace's work is wonderful in that it gets your creative juices flowing as you look in new directions for inspiration & motivation. More than a "how to" guide, this book gives well-photographed examples of how to "crank it up a notch" in the mosaic world. It's new -- and more gorgeous than any other book I've seen on mosaics. I'm intrigued by the traditional mosaic method, but I'm completely jazzed about what I see in this book.

Kaffe Fasset always lends a wild, whimsical, almost overpoweringly colorful touch to whatever craft he turns his mighty skills to, and this book is no exception. I have recently purchased 3 other books on making mosaic designs (both how-to and inspiration), and this is by far the best. The content of the step-by-step instructions is adequate; it contains the necessary information on materials and how-to, and covers the territory at least as well as any I've seen. Where this book absolutely dazzles, though, is in its visual inspiration. Fasset and his co-author for this book, Candace Bahouth, will blow your senses with their incredibly colorful designs, as well as the examples of historic mosaicwork of note; you will come away from this book certain that you too can create brightly wild flights of fancy with a few broken bits of crockery and some cement adhesive. And in fact, maybe you can! I warn you, though, fantastic design and color sense doesn't necessarily fall into your lap as effortlessly as it seems. If not, it won't be due to any lack on the part of this book to spark your ideas! This is a book to come back to again and again; in fact, it's altogether too much to take in all at once! I find myself having to get up in the middle of the night to look at it yet again, as I lie awake picturing all the splendid things I could make...if only I could find such colorful bits of broken china and sparkling glass...

If you think that beautiful mosaics can only be done with china and tile, you haven't seen this book yet! If you're tired of the sweet, pink rose mosaics, then this is the book for you! The mosaics in this

book are done in a delicious tapestry of jewel tones, often highlighted by found objects. The dazzling images in this book will have you looking around your house with a new eye and your hammer. I purchased this because I have a killer knitting book by Kaffe and I wasn't disappointed! This is visual yumminess!

Kaffe Fassett and Candace Bahouth put together the most beautifully photographed and well written book on the wonderful art of Mosaics. If I could only keep one mosaic book - this would be the one. The artists give you their own perspective on how they came up with materials and color ideas for each project in the book. Projects range from wall murals to an incredible mosaic chair that looks like a tapestry, to a shabby chic faux pearl lamp, to an entire patio with the boldest colors. You'll want to make friends with every high-end tile setter in town and you'll never look at a piece of broken pottery or china the same way again.

This book is a wonderful inspiration. I want all my surfaces and objects to be sooooooo...vibrant with color. I have many mosaic books but this is the one I reach for when I am stuck for color or interesting ways of combining tesserae to objects. I love it! It has lead me to explore all of Kaffe Fassett's books, he is genius with color. No other textile or mosaic artist has made me soar with inspiration!

IF you don't already mosaic, this book will have you searching for a local class. Or hitting the local recycling depot looking for old china or tiles. I don't yet mosaic but picked it up at the library during an idle moment and just couldn't put it down. I have always loved Fassett's sense and use of colour, and this book does not disappoint. It certainly will give you lots of ideas and you will probably find yourself daydreaming about mosaic renovations to your house. This book is a visual delight and the instructions seem easy to follow.

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