

Techniques/ skills



Mosaics are made by many thousands of tiny pieces to make a mosaic. The small stones or tiles are called tesserae. The pictures were sometimes of scenes from life in Roman times and sometimes pictures of Gods



some techniques when working with clay: **PINCH** - use your fingers to pinch and poke a single lump of clay into any shape.

**SLAB** - Roll the clay into flat sheets (like a pie crust) to cut apart and assemble.

**COIL** - Roll out long snakes of clay and twist them into coils and shapes.

**WHEEL** - Spin clay on a potter's wheel to form pots and vases.

Key Vocabulary

| Word/ term | definition                                                                                      |
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| Mosaic     | - Pictures and patterns made from tiny pieces of coloured stone.                                |
| Tesserae   | tiny stones or tiles used to make a mosaic.                                                     |
| Motif      | a decorative image or design, especially a repeated one forming a pattern.                      |
| Border -   | a strip forming the outer edge of the mosaic - often patterned, or following a geometric design |
| Relief     | art work carved into stone to be raised                                                         |
| Urn        | A vessel/ pot made from clay                                                                    |
| slip       | Adding water to clay to join 2 pieces                                                           |

Examples of art from Roman times mosaics/ pottery/ architecture



Roman Urn fetches £370,000 Medusa Bignor Villa UK  
The mosaics decorated the floors of Roman villas or

other buildings. How large and impressive a mosaic was, told people

about how rich or powerful the owner was.



Books, internet sites and places to visit

This site has a gallery of Roman mosaic images

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/mosaics\\_gallery.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/mosaics_gallery.shtml)

This site has some great images with interesting associated facts and a link to an interactive mosaic <http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/info.htm#some>

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<http://primaryfacts.com/3577/roman-mosaics-facts-and-information>

<https://www.historyforkids.net/roman-art.html>

places to visit:

Chedworth Villa

Roman Baths - Bath,

The Lunt Coventry

