

Peace Dove

"Peace Dove" is a calm and inspiring frame, using words and images that inspire the soul and calm your spirit. by Jacqui van Zyl – THE SEEDPOD STUDIO



Materials

- birdhouse frame wooden blank
- silver spray paint
- commercial mosaic tiles
- white opals
- evergreen crystal glass
- zircon crystal glass
- sahara sand ceramic tiles
- mirror pieces
- white unglazed porcelain
- ceramic mosaic inserts
- peace dove
- roses and leaves
- decal hearts
- words
- pictures for the main frame and for 2 tiles
- acrylic paints
- assorted beads
- paint brushes
- rubber stamps
- Staz-on ink pad
- wood glue and grout
- mosaic cutters
- wall paper paste and modge podge



The starting point of this project is to find an image that you would like to use in your frame, and develop your theme



from there in terms of a colour scheme and also what mosaic tiles and inserts you have access too. Once you have an idea of how it is going to all work together you need to start



glueing the areas that are going to be grouted. Draw your design onto the wooden frame and start to stick your tiles down. Generally it is best to do design areas first and backgrounds last. It is always better to do your grouting first and then work on your feature areas first.



Because of the 3-dimensionality of the handmade roses and leaves in this project you will need to stick these down just as you are cleaning up the grout. Fill in any spaces in and around the rose and leaves with left over grout filling in all the gaps.



While you are waiting for the mosaic areas to dry you can start to decoupage your feature tiles and the frame backing with your images. Cut the images to size and using wall paper paste you can stick the images onto the unglazed porcelain tiles and the frame backing. While you continue with other areas of the mosaic you should put at least 3 layers of modge podge on your tiles.



Now you can start to add in your feature tile pieces and beads. Using your Staz-on Ink pad you can stamp designs onto your unglazed porcelain tiles. Place the ribbon from your hanging Peace Dove onto the frame and glue, cover over this area with your feature tiles. Add beads into any gaps you may have, using a bright or contrasting colour. Make sure to use a clear drying glue.



Once all the mosaic areas have been stuck and the glue has dried, remove any other loose pieces and start to grout.



Once this is complete you should wait at least 24 hrs until putting the frame backing in and then buff up your entire mosaic using a soft dusting cloth. Make yourself some soothing chamomile tea, hang your masterpiece on the wall and enjoy! **CV**

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