



## HOW TO GROUT YOUR MOSAIC PIECE

This is your final step to creating your masterpiece! This part can get a little messy so before you get started, grab the gloves in your 'take-home' bag and put on some old clothes.

1. Using the bag it came in, slowly add about a  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of water to your grout and mix. The grout should be the consistency of peanut butter or pancake batter. If not, slowly add 1 tablespoon of water at a time (you should need no more than 2 tablespoons). Cut a small corner of the bag so you can 'pipe' the grout onto your project.
2. Using your hands apply the grout to the tiled area. Be sure to get into all the cracks and the edges. Use your fingertips to mold and shape the edges. If the grout becomes too thick simply add a light mist of water.
3. Wipe off any excess grout with a paper towel or damp sponge. Make sure you don't scrape grout from between the mosaic pieces. Let the grout dry for about 10 – 20 minutes. You should see a haze begin to form on the surface of the tiles.
4. Lightly wipe the haze off the tiles off by using a damp paper towel or sponge. Let the grout dry for 10 – 20 minutes longer. You should see the haze begin to form again. Repeat this cleaning and drying process until the haze no longer forms. Use leftover grout to repair any gaps.
5. 72 hours after the grout has dried (using sealant with moisture still trapped in the grout may cause discoloration and cracking), apply the sealer to your project using the enclosed sealer spray. After 3 minutes, wipe off any excess pools of sealer. DO NOT put your project in direct contact with the weather. It will warp. If placing outdoors, place it in a covered area.

TIP: Never dry grout in direct sunlight or use heat to speed up the drying time. This will cause the grout to cure too fast and crack.

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