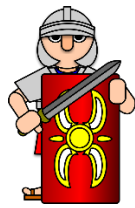


ART: Mosaics



Key Vocabulary

mosaics	A pattern or picture made by arranging small pieces of stone or glass.
tesserae	Tiny stones or tiles used to make a mosaic
mortar	A type of cement used to stick the tesserae to the floor.
geometric designs	Made from rectangles , squares or circles.
border	A strip forming the outer edge of something.

General Knowledge

Mosaics were used to decorate the floors of Roman Villas and other important buildings. The bigger and more detailed the mosaic was, the richer and more powerful the person was.

The Greeks were the first to invent mosaics using pebbles, however, the Romans cut stone instead. They used a hammer and a hardie to cut the stones into tiny pieces.



Famous Figure

Antoni Gaudí

It is said that it is impossible to go to Barcelona and not notice Gaudí's incredible mosaic artworks. Gaudí brings freshness and originality to the world of art and architecture.

Gaudí pioneered a special mosaic design technique called Trencar that is used by a lot of artists today. Trencar, equivalent for "to break" in Catalan, creates mosaic forms and shapes by putting together broken ceramic tiles, plates and cups.

Did you know?

The most famous mosaic of Ancient times is in Pompeii and shows Alexander the Great

