SUMMERTIME MOSAIC TRAY

Materials Required:



Dark Blue - shorts
Red/Orange - flower
Dark Pink - bikini & flowers
Emerald/Spring/Light Green - grass
White – towel
Sky Blue/Medium Blue – sky
Gold/Beige – clothespegs

White grout
Blue and green tints
Craft glue
Masking Tape
Plastic-coated washing line string
35cm x 35cm wood tray

Steps:

1. Seal the wood tray to prevent warping from moisture in the grout. (you can seal the wood by mixing 1 part craft glue with 1 part water. If your surface is already painted or varnished then roughen the surface with sandpaper.



2. Starting with the focal points of the bikini, shorts and towel – glue these pieces down.
3. Glue the plastic-coated washing line above these. You can also use a thin brass rod. Be sure to leave spaces between the sections of washing line for the little yellow rectangles which will be your clothespegs.
4. Using the wheeled tile nippers, cut your green selection into shards. Vary the shape so that this creates interest and movement.
5. Use small scraps of bright colours such as the dark pink to create flowers in the grass.
6. Fill in the sky with triangular pieces of your blue selection.
7. Tape off the area to be grouted. This is ver important when using multiple grout colours.
8. Tint the grout to be used for the sky blue (you can use poster paints for this but never more than 7.5% of your mixture should be paint as this will weaken the grout). Make sure you mix sufficient grout to cover your required area when tinting as you cannot be certain of achieving the same shade when mixing a second batch. Once the blue grout is dry, mask off this area and apply the green tinted grout to the grass area. Clean as usual.



9. To protect your tray from spills and stains, you can either use a grout sealer (available from most good hardware stores) or mix grout bonding liquid into your grout in place of water to provide waterproofing.

