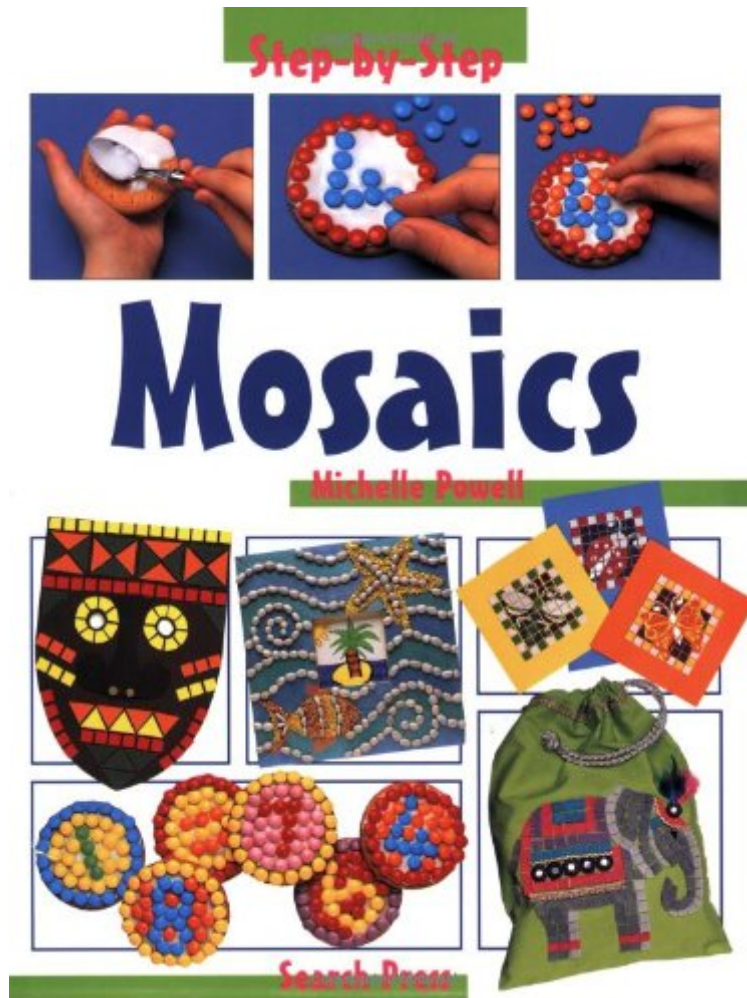


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Michelle Powell : Mosaics (Step-by-Step Children's Crafts) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mosaics (Step-by-Step Children's Crafts):

Step-by-step photographs and easy-to-follow instructions show how to create an exciting selection of items - from a Grecian coaster, an African mask and an Egyptian eagle necklace to a celestial pot, an Aztec book cover and a seaside pebble frame. This inspiring book contains ten original projects and plenty of tips on how to create original mosaic designs.

From School Library Journal Grade 3-5-These books open with a general introduction to the topic and a delineation of

the basic materials and needed equipment. What follows are 9 or 10 projects on double-page spreads, with simple numbered directions and clear, colorful photos of the steps and materials, and boys and girls displaying the finished products. Many of the designs are derived from multicultural sources. *Decorative Painting* shows how to decorate wooden spoons, jars, gift boxes, eggs, and rocks; how to use trompe l'oeil techniques; and how to make a mirror framed by a Picasso motif. *Mosaics* includes directions for an African mask, Egyptian necklace, and a book cover with an Aztec design. *Paperfolding* shows more clearly than most books of its type how to make hats, airplanes, a pinwheel, cards, a mask, and boxes. Each activity also has "Further Ideas" for other projects or enhancements. Reproducible patterns are included in all three books. Safety warnings are marked throughout with a red box and an exclamation point. Although some materials and inexpensive equipment may have to be purchased, everything is available where school supplies are sold. Similar in scope and style to the "Step-by-Step" series (Kingfisher), these new books are easier and more appealing because of their exclusive use of photos. Solid additions to the ever-popular crafts section.

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