

# ECO-ART PROJECT: BOTTLE CAP MOSAICS

Use your bottle caps to create a colorful mosaic. Students can make their own mosaic, or you can all create one together as a class. There are many ways students can be creative in their artwork and you can even have them create mosaics themed for a special holiday, school mascot, or upcoming event. We've provided some basic instructions below, so we encourage you to share the bottle caps that your school has collected through Recycle Rally and have fun!

## What You'll Need:

- Bottle caps
- Tempera or craft paint
- Small sheets of recycled foam or card stock
- Pencils
- Permanent markers
- Craft glue



## What to Do:

1. Choose or create the picture or design that you and your class want to create for the mosaic.
  - Some ideas: A recycling symbol, giant plastic bottle or aluminum can, or our earth!
2. Using a pencil, trace the picture and design on a piece of foam or card stock (use materials made from recycled content when you can).
3. Retrace the pencil lines using craft paint.
4. Have students use the paint to fill in the background of your mosaic with the colors of their choosing and let it dry before gluing on any caps.
5. Ask students to paint the bottle caps with the colors chosen for the mosaic and let them dry.
  - It might be fun to divide the students up into “color-themed” groups for this project by having each group paint their caps a specific color – so they can clearly see which part of the final mosaic they created!
6. Once the paint is dry, begin filling in your mosaic by gluing the bottle caps to the foam or card stock.
7. You can also add finishing touches to the mosaic with paint or other decorations.
8. Let the mosaic dry before handling and displaying for everyone to see!

**Safety Tips** - When painting the bottle caps, remind your students to be careful and cautious – sometimes the caps will have jagged edges!