

Farm Animal Mosaic - Art Project - Grades K-4

Make a simple picture using beans and small noodles to fill in the colors.

In preparation, the class can discuss farm animals. The focus could be on farm birds, such as hen, rooster, duck, and their similarities and differences, or the focus could be on all farm animals. Discuss mosaics; show the students examples.

Materials Needed:

Heavy paper, paper patterns to trace, crayon, white glue, assorted beans and pasta (smaller beans and pastas tend to give better results), damp paper towels for cleanup, newspaper or scrap paper to protect surfaces

Directions:

- 1) First trace a farm animal shape onto the heavy paper. Cover the work surfaces. Hand each child a damp paper towel so they can wipe their fingers when glue gets on them.
- 2) Students might want to plan how they are going to fill their shapes and make lines to indicate the different areas.
- 3) Spread glue on a section of the artwork that will be one color. A popsicle stick may be used to help spread the glue. Then fill that area with the beans or pasta chosen. Children should frequently wipe their fingers on their damp paper towels so that they can more easily handle the beans and pasta.
- 4) Continue filling new areas and adding different beans and pasta, until complete.

