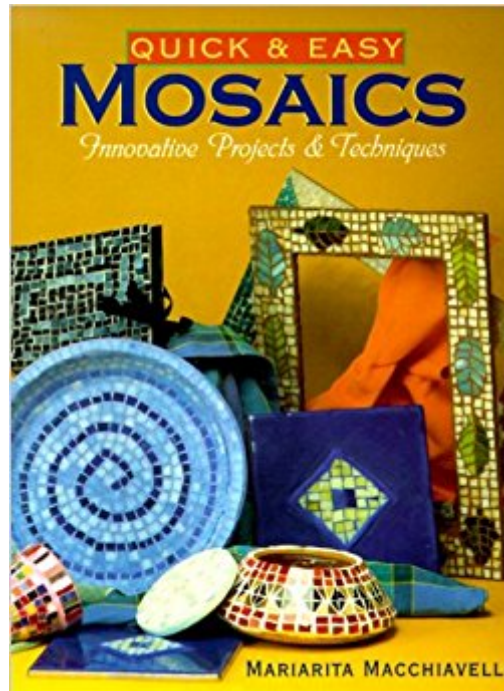




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As old as Mesopotamia, mosaics straddle the centuries. Macchiavelli, an Italian crafter, highlights the ease and convenience of this craft (though not its inherent messiness). Similar in style and format to Zaccaria's Stained Glass Crafting (reviewed in Arts and Crafts), this book opens with a history and techniques, then follows with six projects and dozens of designs, accompanied by photographs and step-by-step directions. For most of the six projects, from a terra-cotta bowl to a leaf frame, there is a simple list of generic materials needed. The mosaic furniture stands as an example of craft transformed into art. Barbara Jacobs --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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While there are some interesting design ideas and patterns, I found the book very amateurish. Most of the projects that the author illustrates how to make, using glass, are poorly put together and look

rushed and haphazard. The grouting is messy and left on several glass tiles. The best examples are in the back of the book and are done by professional artists. However, there is no instruction. I would only buy this book as a last resort for inspiration. Definitely not recommended for a beginner despite the easy projects.

Unlike the other reviews, I have no experience in this, but I think the author made it look like fun. The paper is nicely coated and shiny, the better to show off the brilliant colors. I liked the naive, country-type patterns in some projects, while other projects were more formal, like the tables. I think this is a good first book!

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