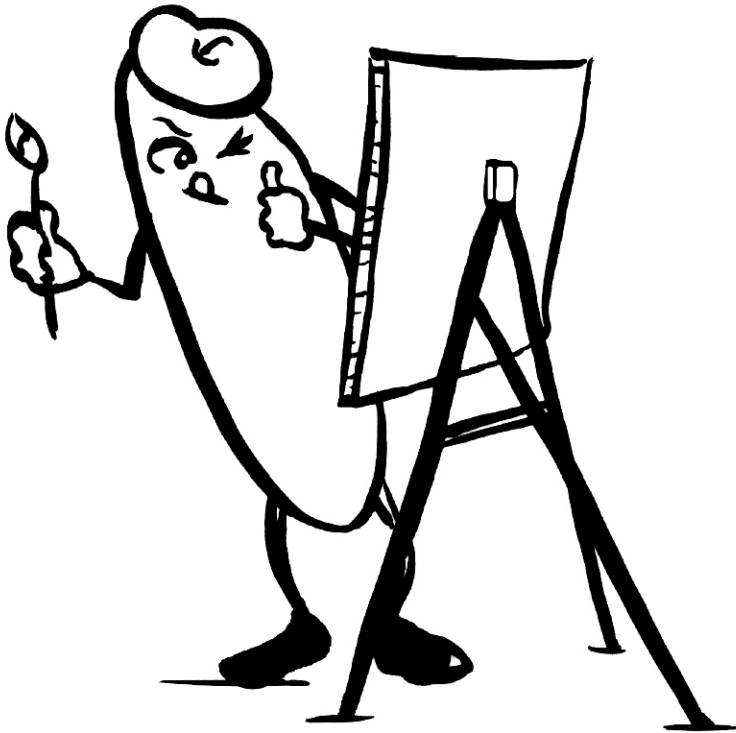


COLORED RICE MOSAIC



Materials

- 2 Tablespoons rubbing alcohol per color used in your mosaic
- Bowls — one per color
- Food coloring
- 3 cups uncooked rice per color
- Posterboard or cardboard
- Pencil
- White glue

DIRECTIONS

Coloring Rice

1. Put about 2 tablespoons of rubbing alcohol in a bowl.
2. Add several drops of food coloring (color will lighten as it dries).
3. Add rice and stir until all the rice is colored.
4. Drain. Pour wet rice out on newspaper and spread it out to dry.
5. Once it is completely dry the rice is ready to use (should take about an hour.)
6. Rice can be stored in an airtight container until ready to use.

Making the Mosaic

1. Using a pencil, draw a design on posterboard or cardboard.
2. Spread an even, thin coat of white glue (no puddles!) over one section of the design at a time. However, you can do more than one area if they are going to be covered with the same color of rice.
3. Sprinkle rice on wet glue, patting it down. Tip the paper to let any excess rice fall off.
4. Follow the same procedure for each color.

Tips

- This coloring process also works with pasta such as macaroni. NOTE: Colors may be different because the pasta is not white.
- When coloring rice, add more food coloring if you want a deeper color.
- Use a toothpick to help move rice around once it has been sprinkled on the glue.
- Let each section dry a bit before dumping off the extra rice and you will lose less from each section.
- Rice can be colored ahead of time and stored in airtight containers.