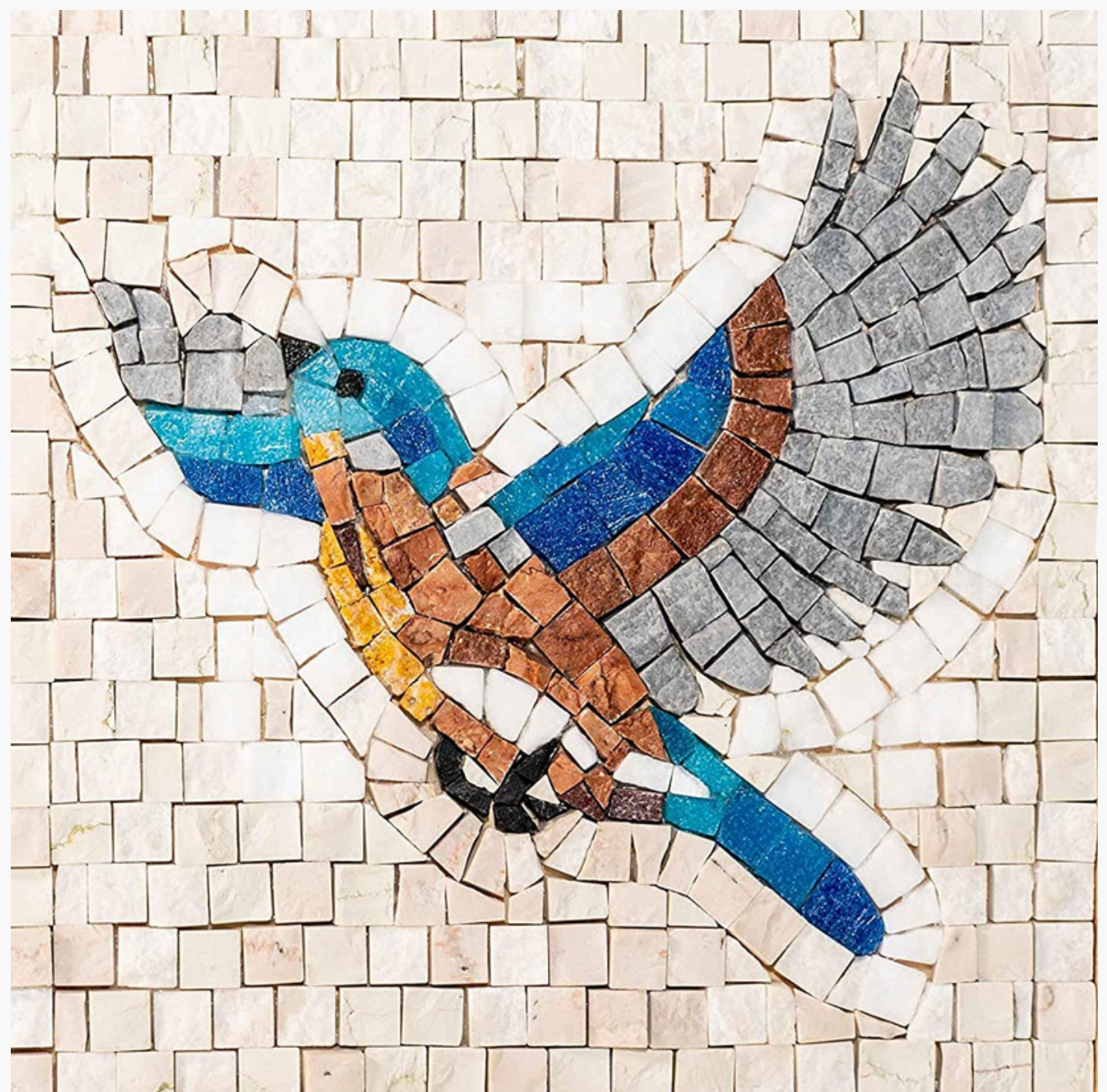


**Help us make this house a home!** When our neighbors move into Community First! Village, we make sure their new home is stocked with essential items and decorated with their taste in mind. The essentials we furnish our neighbors' homes with are always high-quality, and new or just as good as new. We hope you give our neighbors the same consideration, and show them how much they are valued through this donation. We call it 'giving your best first!'



# MOSAIC ART





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## Gather supplies

- Mosaic tiles – glass block tiles, glitter glass, mini mosaic tiles, & irregular shaped mosaic stones are all great options that can be found on Amazon or at craft and hardware stores.
- Glue – specialty mosaic tile glue or regular tacky craft glue (non-toxic, which is great for kids).
- Grout – if you are crafting with kids you should do the grouting yourself or use kid-safe grout due to chemicals and dust that can be inhaled in the process. If using traditional grout, be sure to wear gloves and a dust mask.
- Sponge or cloth to wipe off the excess grout.
- A knife, offset spatula, or similar tool for mixing and spreading the grout.
- An object for your creation – such as [picture frames](#), [vases](#), [terra cotta pots](#), or [coasters](#) (if you'd like to do house numbers please email [serve@mlf.org](mailto:serve@mlf.org) to ask for a set of them). Depending on what object you decide to tile, there may be additional steps. Please consult the video tutorials we've linked to determine if there are any other additional steps you may need to take to prep/seal your creations.

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## Plan out your design

You can do this by tracing around your chosen object on a piece of paper to get the correct size and designing your tiles to fit the space. Alternatively, you could design the layout of your tiles on a flat surface, and then transfer them onto your permanent fixture once you're happy with it.

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## Glue tiles to your object

Apply the glue directly to the back of each tile with a brush, gluing the tiles down one at a time, or you can apply the glue across the whole surface (if you're using something like a picture frame or coaster) and just stick the tiles straight on in your pre-planned design. It's best to wait 24 hours to allow the glue to dry completely before adding grout.



## Grout your mosaic

Think about grouting your mosaic like adding frosting to a cake, it gives it that finishing touch. To add your grout, pour it on to the top of the tiles, scrape it across so it goes down in between all the cracks, and then use your sponge or cloth to wipe it off the surface of the tiles immediately while it is still wet. Each and every tile will need a second and third polish with a dry cloth to get them back to being nice and shiny. **Leave your creation to dry. The grout will then take another 24 hours to dry completely.**



## Deliver to Community First! Village

*If you have more than 20 mosaic items to donate, please email [serve@mlf.org](mailto:serve@mlf.org) before bringing them to the Village. Otherwise, drop them off at:*

**9301 Hog Eye Rd, Suite 950, Austin, TX 78724**

*Reception: 512-328-7299*

Deliver to the reception desk at Unity Hall  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm