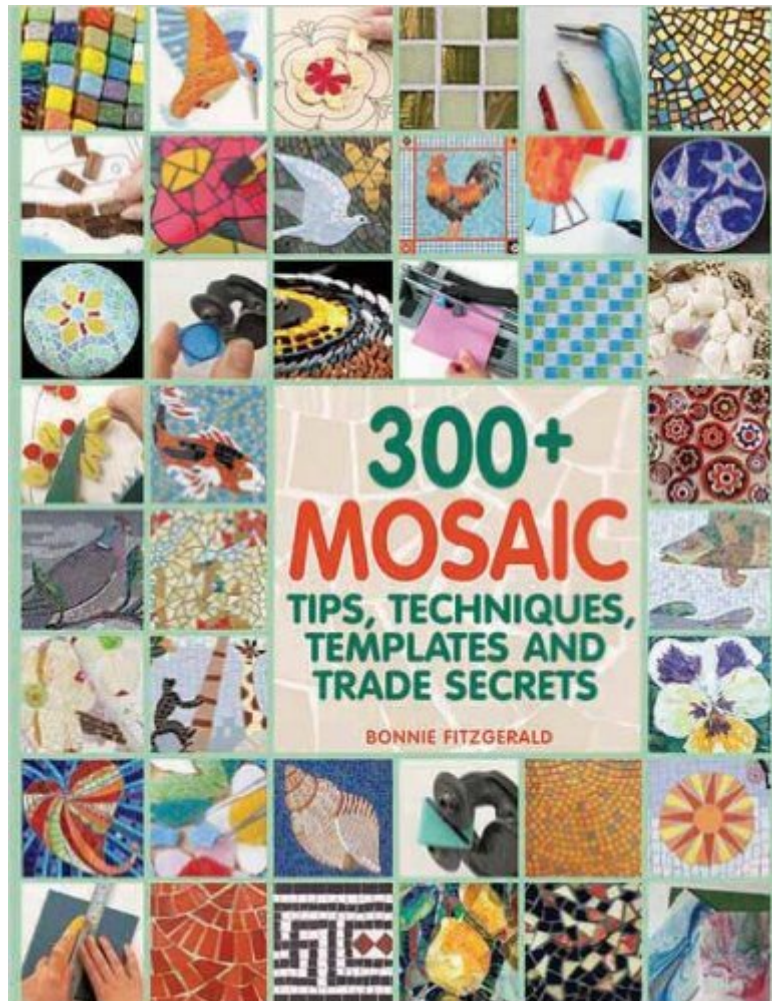


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# 300+ Mosaic Tips, Techniques, Templates And Trade Secrets



## Synopsis

With information gleaned from years of working for and studying with professional mosaic artists from around the world, this comprehensive guide provides essential information for creating beautiful mosaics that survive the elements and stand the test of time. Offering hundreds of valuable design and construction tips, diagrams, simple step-by-step directions, and photographs, the book explains how to create professional, stylish, and technically skilled mosaics. It contains clear instructions for the most commonly used mosaic methods, tips for avoiding potential pitfalls, and an easy-to-navigate technical guide with advice from master mosaicists on selecting the materials, tools, and techniques best suited to any mosaic project. Beginners, hobbyists, and professional artists alike will make the leap from mediocre to majestic mosaics with this understandable, uniquely organized reference.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a fantastic resource. I'm an experienced mosaic artist, and I found many, many new tips, techniques and projects to try. Bonnie Fitzgerald has put together a great collection of information - it's my new "go to" source.

For the most part, this book covers all the basics a beginner through advanced mosaic artist would need to know...leaning a bit more to the beginner. However, it falls short in some areas. Grouting seemed to be skimmed over, with no good explanation of when to use sanded vs. unsanded grout,

etc. I do like the book's charts on substrates, adhesives and tesserae, though there is an error (or a very confusing contradiction) on the tesserae chart...some typos throughout the book as well. The templates seem mostly for elements that you might want to include in a piece, which is fine. The templates are attractive and of a style that would intermix nicely (though you would need to do a lot of work scanning/resizing etc.) The book is very well illustrated, but does NOT include scads of inspirational pictures of others' work. If you were going to do a very complicated installation or complex project, you do well to not rely solely on this book. I purchased this book at the same time I purchased Mosaic Techniques and Traditions and found that to be a more detailed and comprehensive book (for a bit less \$ no less). However, having both books to compare opinions and instructions is worthwhile.

I just received this book in the mail; after browsing it briefly, it's clear this will be an invaluable resource. It's well written and designed, and while the title promises "300 Mosaic Tips", there are literally thousands of things to be learned from it's pages. If you have already tried mosaics, or if you want to start - this is the book to get. Kudos to the author!

This book is an essential guide to any mosaic enthusiast, of all experience levels. The author organizes the book by topic for quick and easy reference, but beginners will especially benefit from reading the book from start to finish, as it provides an excellent tutorial and discusses all the important considerations in creating your own unique work of mosaic art - from setting up a comfortable working environment, to cutting techniques, and ideas to expand your creative vision and find inspiration. I especially love the "jargon-busters" which explain common definitions or methods you will hear often in the mosaic world, but may be afraid to ask what they mean exactly... (I've been there!) The author is very generous in sharing her lessons learned and "trade secrets" in the valuable "try it" and "fix it" boxes throughout the book. It really is like having a master mosaicist, with all her insightful advice and instruction, at your finger tips! Although the book is primarily a technical guide, it also showcases how much FUN it is to do mosaics, and it's beautiful pages will inspire you and ignite your creativity!

I was very excited to get this book in the mail. However, I was not so excited to find that this wonderful book was shrunken in size from the original. It has great photos and instructions in it, but I find it hard to read and use as a tool for doing mosaics. It is frustrating to have to use a magnifier just to read the book. I would have paid more for the full size, if I had known they did this.

I've done a lot of mosaics and taken classes/bought books from master mosaic artists and I found 4 tips/areas just thumbing through this that have clarified and taught me new things. This book is filled with practical and valuable tips and techniques to create mosaics in a professional manner right out the gate. If you want value for your money as an educational tool this is it. My hats off to Bonnie Fitzgerald!

I have been reading through this book since receiving it just a few days ago and wishing I had purchased it much earlier. This book has clearly answered questions I had as a new hobbyist. I am still having a bit of a learning curve on transferring/sizing a design by hand. Certainly not a reflection on the author just a brain block with me! Some of the subjects in this book I had not even thought of and am grateful that it was brought to my attention. A definite must book for me.

I took an intro to mosaic class by this author. I absolutely loved her class so I was thrilled to be able to buy her book. The book is just as informative and easy to understand as her class was. There is so much info to learn, I'm glad I have this book to turn to. Highly recommend it!! Go take her classes too - she's a wonderful teacher, wonderful artist and a wonderful person :)

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