

Step 2: Outlining the object

Define the term *mosaic* as a picture that is made from bits of broken glass or ceramic tile glued right onto a wall, a floor, or a ceiling. The pieces of glass or tile are glued onto the wall, floor, or ceiling by setting them into wet plaster. The different colored glass or tile shapes fit together to make a picture or design like pieces of a puzzle.

Tell the children that they will be using paper shapes instead of glass or ceramic tiles to make a picture. And instead of filling in the whole picture with paper shapes, they will cover only the contour lines that they have drawn with chalk.

Have the children glue shapes along the contour lines by first “drawing” over the lines with the glue stick. (*Caution: The chalk line may erase when this is done if the line is very light.*) Then they will press the squares or circles into the glue. The children can proceed quickly if they are shown how to pick up each paper shape on the tip of the index finger from one hand and release it with a finger from the other hand. They will need a little glue on the end of the index finger to do this. See illustration below:

