

# DIAMOND TECH CRAFTS: *A Mosaic Project*



## *Sweetheart Picture Frame*

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SKILL LEVEL: 4

(1 being the easiest, 5 being most difficult)

TIME TO COMPLETE: 3 days

(Does not include drying time)

### MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- 5 ounce pkg. Jennifer's Mosaics™ White Stained Glass Chips
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- 2 lb Jennifer's Mosaics™ White Sanded Grout
- Glass Adhesive
- Jennifer's Mosaics™ Wheeled Glass Nippers
- Safety glasses
- 8" x 11" Picture Frame (must be at least 2" in width surrounding frame opening)
- Mixing Spoon
- Soft Cloth
- Marker
- Sponge
- Bowl
- Disposable Glove
- Tracing Paper/Carbon Paper
- Pencil
- Newspaper



### PROJECT TIP

- Never dispose of grout directly down a drain.
- If grouting without latex gloves, pour vinegar over hands to restore skin PH.

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover work area with newspaper to protect work surface.
2. Collect all supplies needed for the project. Place them on your surface.
3. Place tracing paper, carbon side down onto frame surface.
4. Gently place pattern over carbon paper and trace.
5. Carefully remove pattern and carbon paper from frame. Now you are ready to Nip!
6. To create the pink mosaic ribbon and hearts, the tiles must be cut with the edges angled so that they fit the flow of the curved pattern. To begin, hold a pink iridized glass square in your fingers. Take the wheeled glass nippers in the opposite hand, open the jaws and place the pink glass square between the wheels. Squeeze nippers closed to nip glass. Nip angled ribbon pieces to approximately 1/4" – 3/8" sizes. Nip the flat side of this angled piece to fit pattern. Use picture as a reference. Repeat until you have completely filled in the ribbon pattern. MOSAIC TIP: For the beginner, you may want to use a semi-permanent pen to draw an angled line on the surface of the glass and then nip along the line for accuracy.
7. Glue in place, making sure to leave 1/16" – 1/8" space between the pieces.
8. Next, fill in the background using white stained glass chips. Select a square, with a semi-permanent pen, mark a diagonal line from corner to corner, this will be your cut line. Nip tile along this line to create two triangles. Nip each triangle on the diagonal again to create 4 triangles from a single square. Continue nipping and fitting triangles until the background is completely filled. Remember to leave 1/8" between your pieces and 1/16" from all outer edges of the frame for grout.

9. When nipping the glass for this area remember, unevenness and variations are a part of the charm of mosaics, so don't try to be exact.
10. Glue into place. Allow glue to dry 24hrs.
11. Place 1 cup of grout into a mixing bowl and slowly add water, 1 tablespoon at a time. Mix with craft stick or spoon until the grout reaches "fudge-like" consistency. If it is too watery, add the reserved dry grout in small amounts until the consistency is correct.
12. Wearing a disposable glove spread the grout into all the nooks and crannies between the glass. Wait about 15 minutes for grout to set.
13. Begin to gently wipe away the excess grout using a damp sponge, taking care not to pull grout out of glass spaces. Use your finger to smooth the grout around the outer edge of the frame. It is important to remove grout from the glass surface before it is completely dry.
14. Using the soft cloth, buff the glass to a clean shine. Allow to dry completely for 24 hours.
15. Once dry, add your favorite photo of your sweetheart!

