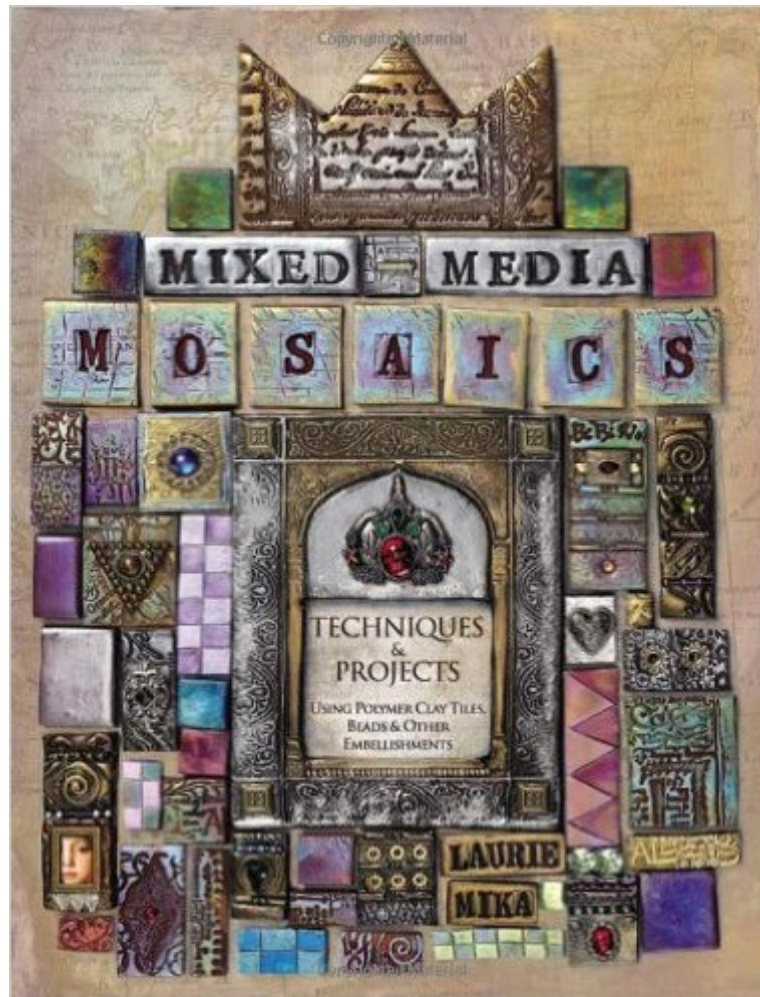


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# Mixed-Media Mosaics: Techniques And Projects Using Polymer Clay Tiles, Beads & Other Embellishments



## Synopsis

Imagine beautiful mosaic pieces with tiles that you easily create yourself! **Mixed-Media Mosaics** offers a fresh, new approach to a traditional art form. By making your own tiles from polymer clay, you control the size, shape, color and even the texture, resulting in beautiful finished pieces that include tabletops, boxes, jewelry and shrines. In addition to learning traditional tiling techniques such as working with grout and cutting glass tile, you'll also explore creative options for personalizing tiles: Discover the magic of mica powders and the regal look they can give to mosaics. Learn quick and easy ways of adding paint to handcrafted and commercial tile. See how easy it is to create molds and cast your own relief tiles. Find ways to add personal meaning to your work with the addition of text tiles. Experiment with the addition of beads, jewelry and other embellishments by embedding them right into the tile! Whether you'd like to complete a mosaic tabletop for your patio, a jewelry box as a special gift, or simply experiment with jewelry, you'll find the inspiration you seek in **Mixed-Media Mosaics**. Start creating your custom mosaic pieces today.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful book for people of all ages and backgrounds. Polymer artists will have a lot of fun gaining inspiration or completing one of the many projects contained in this publication. Laurie starts out with a clear outline of how to make the tiles, both in Polymer and glass cutting, tools required etc. She broadens your scope by wonderful step by step instructions on how to add glamour - trying paints, micas, gilding, stamps, image transfers, beads and so forth. Each project from Boxes and Tables through to Pendants and Pins - each tackles a new technique and the

excellent photos make it almost impossible to make a mistake. A small but rich gallery of her work which is a veritable explosion of colour complete this worthwhile addition to your library shelf.

I ordered this book, even though I am not a "mosaic" person. The projects on the cover just looked so intriguing and the title lead me to think that this would be a book about incorporating lots of different objects into mosaics- I think it was the 'and other embellishments' part. Since I do collage and mixed media art, I thought this might be a new field to explore. The book does NOT teach you about incorporating objects into mosaics (although there are a few things other than tiles in some of the projects), but it does tell you how this artist makes mosaics using clay tiles she makes herself with rubber stamps. And she does such a wonderful job of teaching you how to do this, too, that I am already getting my supplies together to try this, although I am also not a (polymer)"clay" person! She includes lots of tips-usually things you wouldn't think about until you run into a problem, the photos are clear and stepped out for each project, and the projects themselves are beautiful. The projects also are set up so that you can immediately see how you could change them or make something completely different, using the same techniques. If you enjoy collage, mosaics, rubber stamps and/or polymer clay, this book could lead you in a new direction.

I was lucky enough to take a class with Laurie Mika not too long ago and she's just as generous in sharing her techniques and tips in her book as she was in class. She doesn't hold anything back and is truly giving of her art and herself in this book. Laurie walks you through the entire process with the photos and written descriptions but also provides several inspiration points and gallery pieces throughout the book that helped give me insight into her as an artist and provided my own inspiration and insight to what I wanted to create. I love this book and have been making tiles since I got it!

I ordered this book because I thought it might be interesting and I was looking for an interesting craft/art book for a little inspiration. I play with clay occasionally, but this book makes me want to pull everything out and play for hours. Who'd have thought you could make such gorgeous tiles from clay? I never thought of some of these ideas, nor seen them elsewhere. High Recommend.

I love mosaics and I like working with polymer. This book has given me so much inspiration that I have been working with ideas from it for three days non-stop! I have always admired Laurie Mika's work and she generously shares her techniques in this beautiful book. There are so many

inspirational projects that you could work for years on them!

Laura Mika has been making these fabulous mosaics forever, and now she shares her methods and ingredients, tips and ideas with readers in this fabulously-illustrated book. The photographs alone are enough to make you want to run out and buy some polymer clay--and the instructions are so clear and easy-to-understand that you can't go wrong. If you love mosaic, you've got to have this book!

What a humbling book. It's got beautiful projects inside, most of which seems doable if you can acquire the materials. I love how visual it is, though in some cases the instructions aren't aligned well with the visuals. In all, it's a great bible for polymer clay mosaics, and a really good resource on what materials work in what projects, and where to find them. I've incorporated a lot of Mika's tips into my work.

This book will not disappoint! Laurie Mika's art work is so colorful and unique, it will make you want to grab your supplies and immediately begin trying some of the techniques discussed in this book. Numerous, clear, large, detailed photos and the accompanying text provide a perfect tutorial for getting started. Whether you are interested in polymer clay for making jewelry pieces or mosaics, I highly recommend this book!

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