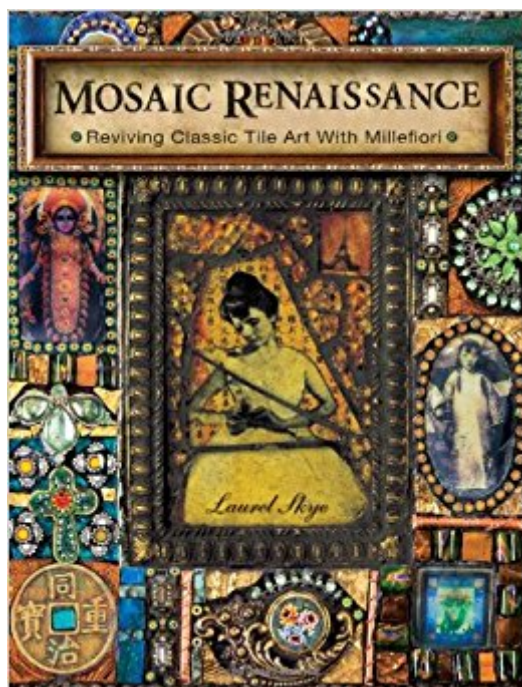


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Mosaic Renaissance: Millefiori In Mosaics



Synopsis

Revive your love of mosaics! Inside *Mosaic Renaissance* discover a treasure trove of rich, inspiring patterns and intriguing mosaic projects that incorporate handcrafted Italian glass known as millefiori. After learning essential mosaic techniques—like cutting tiles and mixing a batch of grout—get inspired by a collection of beautiful millefiori patterns you can use in your own mosaic art. Then try ten illustrated mosaic projects ranging from the practical (a basic trivet, a simple box) to the peculiar (a blushing bride skull) plus pretty projects sure to please. *Mosaic Renaissance* will renew your love of mosaics with: An introduction to tiling tools and techniques 60+ sample patterns, from simple to complex 10 mosaic projects complete with step-by-step instruction A gallery of 40 mosaic pieces from artists around the world With inspiration for all skill levels, *Mosaic Renaissance* is a visual feast of ideas for reviving your mosaic art.

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Customer Reviews

"I have been an admirer of Laurel Skye's work ever since I first saw it a few years ago. Her distinctive whacky style is comic and haunting - images of her work stay with you. Laurel gives a new twist to millefiori, those glass beads that have been around at least since the first century. In Laurel's hands they are transformed and incorporated into weird and wonderful creations, often macabre, but always memorable" -- Martin Cheek, internationally renowned mosaic artist and author

Laurel Skye is a mosaic artist who teaches a variety of mosaic workshops in her Skyelab studio in

California. Her work has appeared in Mosaic Art and Style (Quarry May '07) and she has appeared on HGTV's Offbeat American and she is active in The Society of Mosaic Artists. More of Laurel's work can be found at www.homepage.mac.com/laurelskye.

I bought this book many years ago and my life had changed. I bought the clay, mosaics, all kinds of stuff. I had no clue what size her placques were so I bought 8x10 and bigger. If you have ever done this work you will know that I had a million pieces of clay made, millions. I spoke to Laurel and told her that I eat and sleep mosaics. Then, as I experimented, I began to add collage paper and gems, and stuff and created my own mosaic style. I ruined my oven as all I cooked was clay. Oh well. The best gift for me was the fact that I created my own style and sold many works and gave gifts that were originals. The other exciting part of this is that it leads you to follow other artists and add their talents to your own. WHAT AN AMAZING JOURNEY. I recently moved and am handicap and have not done much mosaics. When a dear friend passed on and so I pulled out all my mosaics and stamped clay bits and made a most memorable tribute to her family using, once again, all I learned from Laurel. Of all the mosaic books, Laurels is the one and only that speaks to me. Thanks Laurel.

I meant to just peek in this book before going to sleep. I was up all night. It is exactly what I had hoped for and more. I share very similar tastes with this gifted artist and her clear and concise guidance in this medium is perfect. I have already sketched my own unique designs inspired by her tasteful and exquisite use of color, texture and found objects. I have collected materials for months and laid out designs with varying levels of confidence as my main work is in jewelry design and creation but also upcycling boxes. I was looking to move into mosaics slowly using my jewelry, found objects and regular glass and tile and more. I could not have picked a more perfect book. This publisher has a number of fabulous books I would not part with in my library. These include Michael de Meng's "Secret of Rusty Things" and "Dusty Diablos." This book however is now at the top of my vast library of current inspiration. Thank you!

A great 'well rounded book' if someone is looking to learn mosaic techniques Laurel Skye is an interesting person, as well....we get little glimpses into her world, which is nice. Highly recommended

I have been awaiting this book since I pre-ordered it and it is wonderful, just like Laurel and Kiah! I am new to the world of mosaic art, for less than a year. I was fortunate to be able to fly to Cal. from my home in Florida to spend a whole week in 7/09 learning many of the styles and techniques

shown in this book, in person. Laurel is such a wonderful and generous teacher and it really shows in her book; easy to follow step-by-step instructions for beginner or experienced artist, so that you have the tools to step out into your own creativity. The illustrations are so clear and gorgeous and really reflect the person she is. I feel I've been given a huge jump start into a whole new realm and am making good use of all I have learned. The millefiori patterns are beautiful reminders that this is a limitless art form. I will continue to draw inspiration from this book. Once you begin you will never be the same! Thank you Laurel and Kiah, may your inspiration spread far & wide with this book.

I just received this book today after anxiously awaiting its release. This is absolutely a DREAM COME TRUE for me! I have been a HUGE Laurel Skye fan for years and have always wished for a "how-to" of her style. This book does not disappoint with its gorgeous photographs, clear and easy to understand instructions, and nice variety of projects. I have never been able to take any of Laurel's classes, being across the country in Nashville, TN, but I have purchased one of her mirrors, which I have proudly displayed in my foyer. I wish I could accurately encapsulate into words how her artwork resonates within me...all the richness, complexity, and uniqueness. There is something about Laurel's mosaics - I don't know exactly what - but no other mosaics look like her's. I have MANY, MANY mosaic books, and Laurel's work truly stands separate from the rest and speaks to me as no other kind can. Laurel, if you ever read this - I want you to know how truly grateful I am for you, your talent, your vision, your inspiration, and for your decision to share some of your mosaic knowledge with the world. I hope one day to be lucky enough to visit and thank you in person! Thank you, THANK YOU, and bless you :)))) Lots of love

For many years now when teaching my mosaic classes and workshops, I have always included Laurel Skye's website in my handouts. Her work never fails to blow me away. I would show my class photos of Laurel's mosaic shoes and they would flip. I was so excited to see the instructions for mosaicing these shoes in this book. Her use of color is magnificent. Truly a "Visual Feast". There are many Mosaic books but none come close to this one. Laurel gives you step by step instruction for pieces which on first glance seem too complicated for a beginner. No such thing... She is going to take us all along to a higher level. I assure you, you won't want to put it down. She also includes a Gallery of International Mosaic Artists. I am honored to have my mosaic fox couple amongst the work of all of these wonderful artists. My husband was just looking through the book and said... Wow what a beautiful book! We should get a bunch of these to give as Christmas gifts!!! Without a doubt we will. Jackie Stack Lagakos

This is my "go to" book when I want inspirations for a new mosaic project. Laurel is really creative when it comes to mixing glass (and other media) with millefiori. Especially helpful are the many pages she devotes to simple as well as complex millefiori patterns! Excellent. There are projects for beginners, such as light switch plates and picture frames, and then she gets as complicated as the best of them.

Awesome book! I met Laurel a few years ago, and she's just so sweet and talented. I was thrilled when she wrote this book to share her fabulous techniques with the rest of us, and it didn't disappoint! It's a great book with lots of information, great instruction, and beautiful color photos to inspire the rest of us! Definitely worth every penny ... and more!

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