

Whimsical Blackboard

To Remind you of those all important dates that all Moms have!
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Requirements

Everything listed below is available from Trunell or contact us for your local distributor.

- . 380 x 600 x 16 mm wooden blank
- . 3 blue ceramic tiles – preferably two shades of blue
- . 2 green ceramic tiles – preferably two shades of green
- . 2 pkts milifiori flowers
- . Selection of Trunell inserts
- . Flexible tile adhesive - to glue inserts
- . Cold glue or flexible tile adhesive - to glue tiles
- . Tile nippers
- . Dove grey grout
- . Blackboard paint



Please remember! Your imagination is your limit. These are guidelines for you to follow. You can make your own layout or just follow the example picture.

Method

Step 1.

Place the various inserts on the blank, houses at the bottom with cars and trucks. Place the milifiori to act as small flowers inbetween the houses. Arrange the flowers, leaves, butterflies and bugs on each side of the blank, taking care to leave enough space in the middle for the blackboard. Place the doves and the plane on top.



Glue inserts into place using the flexible tile adhesive. The advantage of using

the tile adhesive is that when your'e finish glueing, you can stand it up and see if your happy with your composition. If not, you can take them off and move around till you are satisfied before the glue sets.



Using your tile nipper, break the ceramic tiles into small workable pieces



Starting at the top start placing pieces of

tiles, mixing the two shades of blue to mosaic the sky, keep your straight edges for the sides and do the same with the bottom using the shades of green for the grass. Leave the edges of the inserts to form an uneven line on the inside. You can use the tile adhesive to glue the tiles, I prefer to work with cold glue at this stage, as it takes longer to dry and gives you time to move tiles around. When finished, leave to dry.



Tip: When mosaicing with ceramic tiles I like to go slightly over the edge with the tiles and when the glue is dry I sand the tiles smooth and level to the wood with rough sanding paper.





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Mix the grout as per manufacturer's instructions until you get the consistency between mayonnaise and icing sugar. The grout must not be runny. Work the grout in over the tiles with a wooden spatula or your hands making sure all the gaps are filled in between the mosaic tiles, leaving the middle open for the blackboard.

Use a rubber squeegee to remove the excess grout from the surface of the mosaic. Let this stand for a while till grout sets.



After +- 15 minutes rub up with newspaper or old cloth. Clean all the stubborn, excess grout off with a ice cream stick.



When completely dry polish it up with a soft cloth.



Paint the inside of the wooden blank with black board paint, using a small brush to paint between the inserts

edges. You can also paint the edges of the wood with craft paint to finish it off.



Voila!!! There you have a delightful whimsical blackboard which I am sure, will get many requests that sound just like this - "Ohhhh,, thats beautiful, please make me one"

Always remember HAVE FUN!!!



Alternative options using the same technique



