



# Love is..

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We have given you a choice of two projects using either flowers (project A) or hearts (project B)

## What you need

All available from Trunell or contact us for your local distributor.



- 215 x 870 x 16 mm wooden blank for plaque A
- 205 x 825 x 16 mm blank for plaque B
- 5 Trunell plain ceramic tiles in various colours for project A and B
- A variety of flowers, stems and leaves for project A
- A variety of hearts for project B
- A set of 10 Corinthians 13, "Love is", "Liefde is", tiles
- Black square tiles for borders
- Cold glue or flexible tile adhesive to glue tiles and inserts
- Tile nippers
- Rubber squeegee or rubber kidney
- Dove grey or black grout
- Black craft paint

## Method



Start by glueing the black square tiles

for the border all around the wooden blank, spacing them evenly.



Place the 10 "Love is" tiles in position and glue them.

In project A there is a space available in the middle for the branch to flow through.



Glue the flowers and leaves in project A in position.

Cut the stems in small pieces and mosaic a branch stretching from flower to flower throughout the project.





Glue all the hearts in the open square spaces in project B.



Break the ceramic tiles into small pieces with the tile nipper and mosaic the backgrounds of each square, spreading your colour throughout the project.

You can use the tile adhesive to glue this although I prefer to work with cold glue on this stage. Cold glue takes longer to dry and gives you time to move tiles around. When finished allow to dry.



**Tip: I love colour in my work but you can tone it down by using hearts and flowers in the same colour scheme and also use only one colour for the background.**



Mix the grout as per manufacturer's instructions until you get the consistency of mayonnaise.

**Tip: Ceramic tiles are porous so the grout can be quite runny. If it is too thick it will be difficult to fill the gaps in between the tiles.**

Work the grout over the tiles with a rubber kidney or your hand, making sure the grout fills all the spaces. Use a rubber squeegee or kidney to remove the excess grout from the surface of the mosaic before completing the grouting.



Use a paper towel to clean the grout off the tiles and then polish them with a soft cloth.

Clean all the stubborn, excess grout off the inserts with an ice cream stick or toothpick.

Paint the sides of the wood with craft paint to finish it off.

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