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ROMAN MOSAICS

A **mosaic** is a piece of art or image made from the assembling of small pieces of colored glass, stone, or other materials. It is often used in decorative art or as interior decoration. Most **mosaics** are made of small, flat, roughly square, pieces of stone or glass of different colors, known as tesserae.



[Mosaic - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosaic)

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HISTORY

- ✘ Mosaics have a long history, starting in Mesopotamia in the 3rd millennium BC.
- ✘ Pebble mosaics were made in Tiryns in Mycenaean Greece; mosaics with patterns and pictures became widespread in classical times, both in Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome.
- ✘ Early Christian basilicas from the 4th century onwards were decorated with wall and ceiling mosaics.
- ✘ Mosaic art flourished in the Byzantine Empire from the 6th to the 15th centuries.
- ✘ Mosaic fell out of fashion in the Renaissance, though artists like Raphael continued to practise the old technique.