

# Bottle Cap Mosaics

Simple creative ideas to reuse colourful bottle caps outdoors

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## To Make a Mosaic

Prepare the piece of wood to which the bottle caps will be glued by painting it with some weatherproof paint.

Once the paint has dried ask the children to position the caps on the board in their desired pattern.

Using outdoor glue an adult can affix each cap to complete the design.

The board can be hung or mounted in the desired location outdoors.

It could be used as a welcome sign, to educate people about the environment or to denote a certain zone in the grounds.

## What You'll Need for the Mosaic:

- An accumulation of bottle caps of different colours
- A piece of MDF or similar
- Weatherproof paint
- Strong outdoor glue

## Other Ideas

Bottle caps are a useful, versatile small loose part so get collecting them rather than sending them to be recycled – or even worse landfill in many areas.

Apart from adding a fab injection of colour to the grounds as part of a mosaic they can equally be kept loose and used as follows:

- counters for made up games
- money in mud kitchen shops
- combined to learn letter and shape formation
- stacked in towers
- rolled down chutes

Just put them out in a basket and see what the children come up with!

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