

# MOSAIC MERCANTILE

## CITRUS SLICES SERVING TRAY

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- 1 Place sheets of newspaper or newsprint to protect work area from paint, glass tile and grout.
- 2 To keep primer and paint from sticking onto newspaper, use 4 unopened soup cans as tray pedestals.
- 3 With gloves and sponge brush, generously apply **Mosaic Mercantile Tile Primer** onto entire tray. Primer preps the wood for adhesive, paint and protects the wood from water damage later.
- 4 Print Citrus Slices template. Using a photocopier, enlarge the image according to the size of the inner surface of your serving tray.
- 5 Place carbon paper inside the tray with the carbon side down. Place template on top of carbon paper. Tape template to inner side of the tray with 2 small pieces of tape to keep the design in place. Press down hard enough to trace design onto tray with a pencil. The carbon paper may need to be moved around underneath the template to get the entire design onto the tray.
- 6 Trace over the design that is now on your tray with a fat black marker to create your mosaic template.
- 7 While wearing gloves, liberally paint every surface of the tray except for the inside base of the tray with pink acrylic paint and sponge brush. Let dry.

### MATERIALS:

- 1 Serving Tray from Craft Store (approx. dimensions = 13 x 9 x 2 1/8)
- 1 Sheet Carbon Paper
- 1 Citrus Slices Design Template
- 1 Bottle of Pink Acrylic Paint 8oz.
- 1 Mosaic Mercantile Tile Primer 8oz.
- 1 Pencil
- 1 Fat Black Permanent Marker
- 3 Sponge Brushes
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- Clear Tape
- Paper Towels
- 1 Mosaic Mercantile Wheeled Nipper
- 1 Mosaic Mercantile White Sanded Grout (1 lb.)
- 1 Flat Blade Grout Spreader
- Craft Sticks/Toothpicks
- Disposable Container (ie Margarine Tub)
- Newspaper/Newsprint
- 1 Pair of Latex Gloves
- 1 Pair of Protective Eye Goggles
- 1 Mosaic Mercantile Grout Sealer 8oz.
- 3/4" Mosaic Mercantile Italian Glass Tile
  - Lemon Fruit
    - 30 Lemon
    - 5 Canary
  - Orange Fruit
    - 75 Pumpkin
    - 15 Tangerine
  - Lime Fruit
    - 90 Lime
    - 10 Evergreen
  - White Fruit Membrane
    - 45 Arctic White

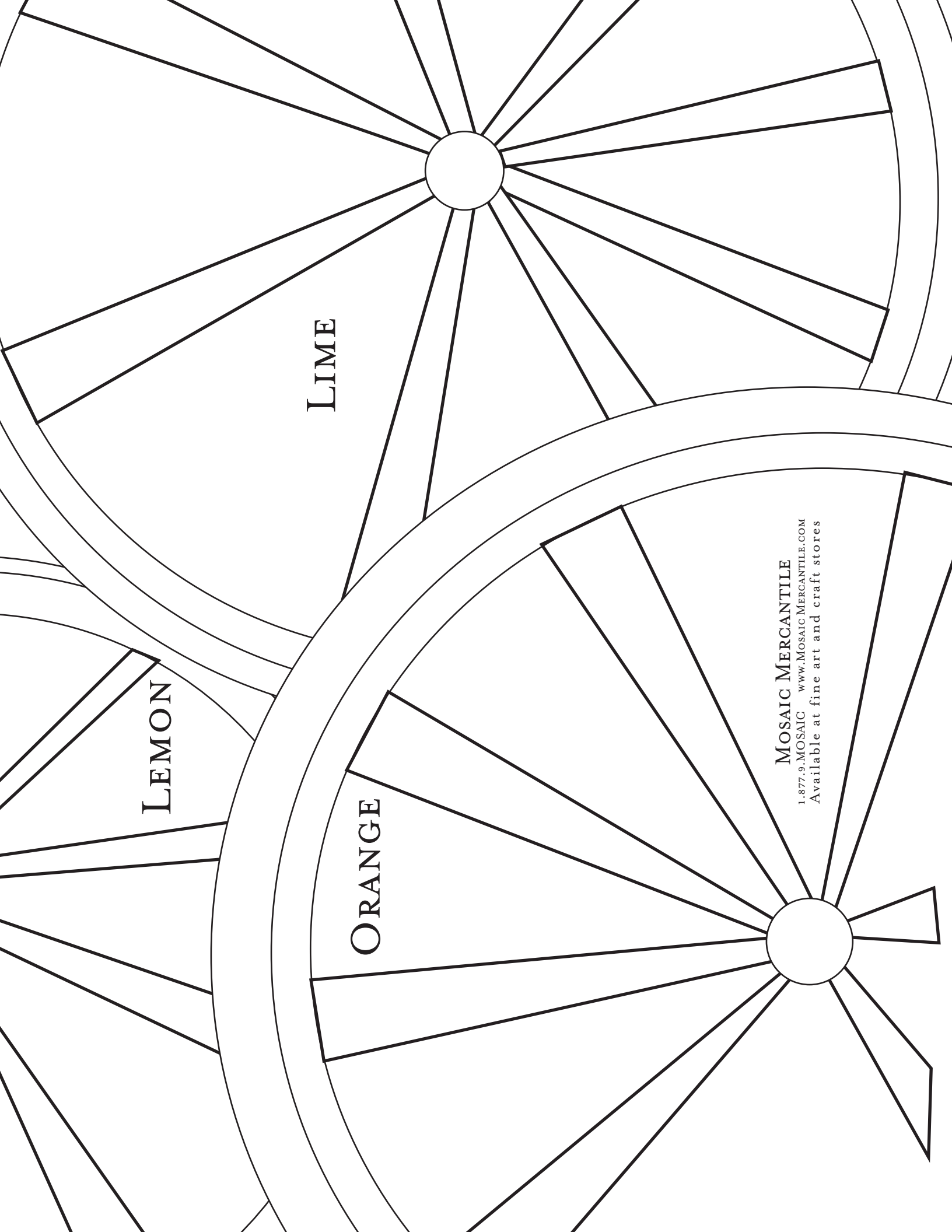
Use **CAUTION** and **READ** instructions before starting any type of project.

### SUGGESTED MATERIALS:

- Tweezers for picking up smaller tile pieces
- Screwdrivers and/or dental picks for grout removal.
- Soup Cans.

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### Nipping

- 8 While wearing goggles, hold the **Mosaic Mercantile** tile between the thumb and index finger to nip tiles into circles, triangles or irregular shapes with the **Mosaic Mercantile Wheeled Nipper**. Cup your hand around the nippers to catch fly away pieces. In mosaics, the cuts don't need to be perfect because it's the unevenness that makes your work unique. It's best to nip tiles first and organize tiles by color.
- 9 Apply the tile to the tray one at a time, one section at a time. It is best to nip the tiles and place nipped tiles no more than 1/8 inch apart from each other to see how they look before gluing tile onto the tray. To avoid injury from sharp glass shards, carefully clean area regularly with a paper towel. Never clean working area with hands.

### Gluing

- 10 Take a craft stick and spread **Mosaic Mercantile Adhesive** to the ridged side of the tile one tile at a time. The ridged side of the tile has better adhesion for the glue. The flat side of the tile is the exposed, finished side of the mosaic project.
- 11 Tile the white membranes of the fruit and then do the juicy parts of the fruit starting from the core and working outward. For a more realistic look, nip white tiles to look like seeds. When doing the sides and corners, be sure to use the flattest edges of the tile for a cleaner design and easier grouting. Place the tiles so that it's up against the edges and corners of the tray. Dry overnight.

### Grouting

- 12 To avoid injury, wear gloves and don't inhale dry sanded grout. Using the spreader, slowly mix water and 1/2-1 lb of **Mosaic Mercantile White Sanded Grout** in a disposable container. Mix to get a spreadable toothpaste texture. To create a pink grout, slowly add a few drops of pink paint to the grout. Slowly add more grout to the mixture to keep the toothpaste consistency. Evenly spread the mixed grout in all directions (horizontal, vertical and diagonal) while gently working grout into the gaps until it becomes a smooth, level surface with the tile. Let stand 10-20 minutes. Using gloves and a mostly dry sponge, gently wipe grout from tile surface to reveal your colorful mosaic tile design. When cleaning up grout, dispose any grout mix in garbage, never down the sink. Grout is concrete which will solidify, clog and damage pipes.



Remove grout haze or grout chunks from tile surface with newsprint, screwdriver or dental picks before grout dries to create a smooth, flat and brightly colored surface. Allow grout to set. For extra shiny tiles, polish each tile with a paper towel and a small amount of olive oil! To protect tile and grout from damage and discoloration over time apply a few coats of **Mosaic Mercantile Tile Sealer** with sponge brush.

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