## Make a Fish Mosaic

A **mosaic** is an art form made up of small stone, ceramic, shell, or tile pieces held to a surface, such as a wall or a column, by plaster or mortar. The earliest example of mosaics dates back 4,000 years ago, to ancient Mesopotamia, although mosaics made of glazed tiles did not emerge until the Roman and Iranian empires several centuries later. By the third century B.C., the Ancient Greeks were using mosaics to depict detailed mythological scenes with animal and human figures. Greco-Roman mosaics were often made of *tesserae*, tiny cut stones assembled to create detailed imagery on floors, ceilings, and walls. Mosaics can be found around the world.

