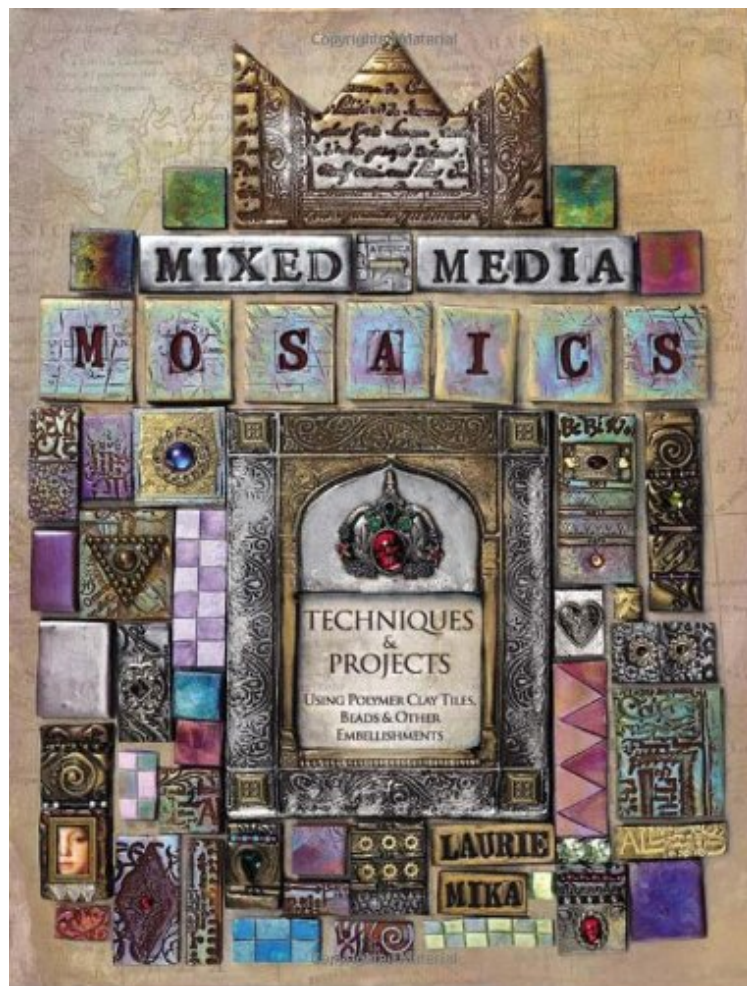


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**Laurie Mika : Mixed-Media Mosaics: Techniques and Projects Using Polymer Clay Tiles, Beads Other Embellishments** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mixed-Media Mosaics: Techniques and Projects Using Polymer Clay Tiles, Beads Other Embellishments:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome! By Merle H. Schmidt What a wonderful book full of creative ideas and thoughts. While the projects are spectacular, the basic instructions and techniques are really all you need to create your own art. I can't wait to express myself with my tiles. I can think of all kinds of wacky embellishment that would make a piece, my own. I do love books that inspire. The pictures remind me of a box of candy, looking over each element, and taking in the whole thing. I AM GOING TO GO BAKE TILES FOR THE

NEXT FEW DAYS, and then I am going to sit in a nice comfortable spot and make a collage of my favorite things. My dogs will have to cook their own meals for a few day, or ask their Daddy nicely because I am going to be busy. I would recommend this book to any frustrated artist or artist wannabe. The pictures are clear, instructions direct, and it's a wonderful sight. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely love this book!!! By Nicole W. I've never really been a crafter... I've tried knitting and crocheting to fill up some of my free time, but it was all too tedious for me. I tried jewelry making, but that too got a bit boring. Until I stumbled upon traditional mosaics, which I absolutely loved because all the different projects that I could do.. it seemed endless. And what a delight to come across this book at my local Michael's!!! It seemed like a lot of work at first, creating and painting and stamping my own tiles... and sometimes one project does take time, but each tile is a work of art, each one different and unique and when it's all put together, it's really just amazing!!! It's an artform that is oddly beautiful. It can be kind of expensive buying all your tools but once you have them, you can make many different projects out of them. For example, different stamps, the acrylic paints, mica powders, polymer clay, most of these things I didn't have, but once you get your tools together, you can create lots of really amazing art pieces!!! I found the process of making my own tiles very easy and quite therapeutic. Love this book and would recommend it to all ages!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lovely By S. K. Harrell What a humbling book. It's got beautiful projects inside, most of which seems doable if you can acquire the materials. I love how visual it is, though in some cases the instructions aren't aligned well with the visuals. In all, it's a great bible for polymer clay mosaics, and a really good resource on what materials work in what projects, and where to find them. I've incorporated a lot of Mika's tips into my work.

Imagine beautiful mosaic pieces with tiles that you easily create yourself! Mixed-Media Mosaics offers a fresh, new approach to a traditional art form. By making your own tiles from polymer clay, you control the size, shape, color and even the texture, resulting in beautiful finished pieces that include tabletops, boxes, jewelry and shrines. In addition to learning traditional tiling techniques such as working with grout and cutting glass tile, you'll also explore creative options for personalizing tiles: Discover the magic of mica powders and the regal look they can give to mosaics Learn quick and easy ways of adding paint to handcrafted and commercial tile See how easy it is to create molds and cast your own relief tiles Find ways to add personal meaning to your work with the addition of text tiles Experiment with the addition of beads, jewelry and other embellishments by embedding them right into the tile! Whether you'd like to complete a mosaic tabletop for your patio, a jewelry box as a special gift, or simply experiment with jewelry, you'll find the inspiration you seek in Mixed-Media Mosaics. Start creating your custom mosaic pieces today.

About the Author Laurie Mika's work employs her unique handmade tiles with mosaics, beads and jewelry to create "contemporary icons" (a blend of Byzantine art, Illuminated Manuscripts and Mexican folk art). Laurie was published in the premier issue of Expressions magazine and has had work published in Somerset Studio, Somerset Wedding 2, Haute Handbags and Somerset Gallery 5, as well as the books 400 Polymer Clay Designs (Lark, 2004), New Techniques for Wearable Art (Quarry, 2004) and JoAnn Locktov's Mosaic Art and Style: Designs for Living Environments (Quarry, 2005). Mika has also appeared on HGTV's Crafters Coast to Coast and the DIY network's Craft Lab, and has taught workshops at Artfest in Port Townsend, Washington, Art Unraveled in Phoenix, Arizona, and Art and Soul in Dallas. She will also be teaching at Art and Soul in Portland in 2006 and at Hacienda Mosaico in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in 2007.