

MOSAIC PROCESS: (2 days—at least!)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Cinder block
- Thin set (cement)
- Grouting powder – I bought tan. You might prefer white.

********If you simply use a type of glue, in the Texas heat it is most likely that the decorations will easily fall off. Thin set is highly recommended!***

I bought everything at Lowe's.

STEP 1: APPLYING DECORATIONS

It is best to plan out your design before applying mortar as it will dry quickly. Have a damp cloth handy and wipe down mortar that squishes up onto pieces.

I used thinset mortar (Lowe's) to attach the tile to the cinder blocks. Mix it with water until it has a PEANUT BUTTER consistency.

I applied a layer (1/8"-1/4" thick) of thinset with a plastic knife to the whole side of block and then put pieces in place, pressing in lightly. **Then, you should wait at least 24 hrs. for the thinset to dry.**

STEP 2: GROUTING

Mix the powder with water until it's a pasty/toothpaste-like consistency.

Spread it all over the decorated side of the cinder block and especially in between all cracks and undecorated areas, while wiping with a damp cloth (water and vinegar) to clean off any grout that is on the decorations. Let dry for a day or two.