

Q: What is a mosaic?

A: Mosaics are made of pebbles or small pieces of stone, glass, or other materials that are closely assembled and fixed onto a surface to form a design. Pebble mosaics, made of natural pebbles, were made earlier than *tesserae* mosaics, which were made of cut material. The latter was a Hellenistic innovation of the third century BC.

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