

Self-Guided Activities

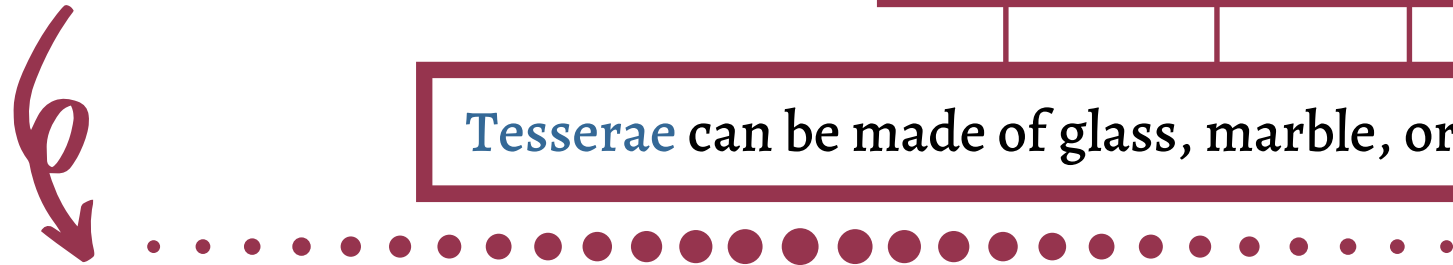


Roman Mosaics

The Romans used mosaics to decorate their homes. Take a closer look at this floor mosaic.

Mosaic: a type of art that uses small objects, called **tesserae**, to create larger pictures or patterns

Tesserae can be made of glass, marble, or tile



Mosaic Floor from the Villa of Daphne, Roman Imperial period, 5th century C.E., from Yakto Complex, near Antioch, Mosaic, overall: 157 1/2 in. x 156 in., Given by the Princeton Expedition for the Excavation of Antioch and Vicinity, 1936.33.

What shapes do you see?

If you made a mosaic, what shapes would you use?



Detail from Mosaic Floor from the Villa of Daphne