**Pattern Reference Code**: MI006

**Glass Flower Mirror**

**Colour Combinations:**

Vitreous glass tiles

**What You Need:**

**Equipment:**
1. 10” (inch) mosaic daisy mirror from Monster Mosaics.
2. Glass tile cutters
3. Container for mixing your grout
4. Cloth and sponge for wiping off the grout
5. Latex gloves for grouting
6. Carbon paper and pencil for tracing the pattern onto the container.
7. Old paintbrush to use to coat the tiles with glue.
8. Black marker pen

**Materials:**
1. Mini glass tiles:
   - Tile measures 1cmx1cm (0.4x0.4 inches)
     - 40 tiles
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   - Glass tiles measuring 2.5x2.5cm (1inchx1inch)
     - 40 tiles
     - 5 tiles
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     - 5 glass pebbles
2. Wood glue or Weldbond.
3. Light or dark grey grout - the pattern will work with either depending on the color choice.
How To:

1. Trace your pattern onto the substrate using carbon paper.
2. Use the black marker to trace over the carbon tracing.
3. To cut the “purple petal” shape, take your square tile and cut off the edges that are opposite each other.
4. As you can see, I’m cutting off the other edge.
5. Start nibbling the edges to start shaping the petal shape.
6. Here is a better picture of how to shape your tile.
7. And, here is a shot of the petal shape.
8. Stick the petals down and the pebbles. Cut the mini tiles in half and stick them down around the inner border.
9. The trick with the outer border is to stick one mini tile down first and shape the tiles flowing from either side. If you are not sure what I mean, have a look at picture 11 - it shows how the tiles should be cut and placed.

Varnish both sides of the supawood with 2 coats of varnish. Pay special attention to the sides.
How To:

10. This is where the tricky part of the job comes in. Cut very small triangular pieces and shape the tiles to fit the shape. This will take a while, so be patient - it took me an entire day just to do this section.

11. Then, take your blue glass tiles, cut into quarters and then cut into triangles and then halve the triangles again. They actually fit quite easily into this section of the design.

12. You are more than 80% complete here.

13. Cut your green glass tiles into quarters and then into triangles. Note these will be bigger pieces than the blue triangles.

14. O.K. all finished, and looking at it now, white grout would work just as well. So as a recommendation, I would go for a light grey or white grout. Wait at least 24 hours for your glue to dry. Remove the mirror before you grout - I forgot to and it caused me some problems when I was grouting.

15. Mix your grout to the consistency of thick peanut butter. Give it about 10 minutes to slake before you apply it with a spatula. USE your latex gloves. Grout is a cement and is an abrasive medium. It will take the skin off your fingers.

16. Pay special attention to the sides. This will also help reinforce your tiles. Once you have grouted, wait until it develops a haze (white powder on the top). Use old newspaper if you used dark grout or white towel paper if you used white to wipe the excess grout off in a circular motion. Buff it up with a soft cloth.

17. Paint the sides of the mirror with dark grey acrylic paint.