Mosaic Tray DIY

You will need:
Tray – there are many to choose from at EveryStep Giving Tree
Paint
Grout – we used grout made for stepping stones, which we purchased at a craft store.
Glue – we used glue made especially for mosaics, which we also purchased at a craft store.
Hammer
Eye protection
Old colorful plates. Look for those with flat surfaces (they'll be easier to attach and grout).
Paper bag(s)
Dish towel

Instructions:
1. If desired, paint the front, back and sides (inside and out) of the tray. We used three coats of paint, letting dry according to instructions between each coat.
2. As paint is drying, place your plates, one at a time, inside one or more paper bags. Place on a hard surface, such as a sidewalk or countertop. Cover the bag with a dish towel.
3. Using eye protection, hammer the plate into desired size of pieces.
4. BE CAREFUL AS YOU OPEN THE BAG TO CHECK THE PLATE PIECES. THERE WILL BE SHARP EDGES.
5. Sort plate pieces into colors (it makes it easier to create a design). Again, be aware of sharp edges.
6. Arrange the pieces on the completely dry tray until you have a design you like. Lift each piece and glue back into place.
7. When glue is completely dry, mix and apply grout according to package directions. Follow package directions for drying time and polishing instructions.
8. Enjoy!

EveryStep Giving Tree has a large selection of trays and plates that can be used for this project. This tray cost $7.99 at EveryStep Giving Tree and plates start at as little as 99 cents.