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.