



placed the tiles.

"If you love doing puzzles, you are natural for mosaics," Johnson said.

The tiles are placed using Thinset bonding mortar. Once the materials are placed, wipe off excess Thinset. Both artists then used grout to fill in gaps between the tiles. Eding said grout is available in a variety of colors. On his mosaic, he used brown stain to make the grout match his mosaic.

Johnson hopes the outdoor mosaics inspire people to become involved in art.

Johnson hopes to start a mosaic workshop this summer where inspired people can learn how to make mosaics. Interested people can email him at [joseph@naturalcreations.us](mailto:joseph@naturalcreations.us) for information.

For starters, Eding suggested that a beginner try a mosaic kit for the very first attempt.

"Try to keep it simple for the first ones," Eding said. "And just mainly, have fun with it." **HG**

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