



# sunny side up



Mark Rayner shows how to make a mosaic sunflower.

## You will need

- Piece of treated 25mm plywood measuring 400mm x 600mm
- Pencil
- Exterior PVA glue
- Paintbrush
- Tile cutter
- Tile nippers
- Felt pen
- Ceramic tiles in the following colours: bright yellow (petals), dark brown (centre of sunflower), pale green (stem and leaves), and assorted shades of orange, paler yellow, reddish brown, pale brown and mustard (background).
- Bucket
- Dark brown exterior grout
- Latex gloves
- Rubber squeegee

## To get the look

Mark primed the side, edges and back of the panel with Resene Quick dry primer undercoat and finished it with two coats of Resene Lumbersider tinted to Resene Woodburn. Background wall was painted with Resene Rob Roy.



1 Use the pencil to draw an outline of the sunflower design. Mix one part PVA glue with five parts water and use this to prime the panel. Allow to dry.



2 Cut each bright yellow tile into four even strips with tile cutter, and draw a petal shape on to each with felt pen. Cut out each petal shape with tile nippers to and fix with PVA glue.



3 Draw a large leaf shape onto a pale green tile and cut this out in one piece using tile nippers. Divide each leaf shape into random segments. Repeat to create a second leaf and stalk.



4 Carefully glue the stalk and leaves into position with PVA glue.



5 Cut brown tiles into 12mm strips with tile cutter. Cut into small squares with tile nippers. From the outside edge fill in the centre, gluing with PVA.



6 Use the tile cutter to cut the remaining background tiles into 12mm strips, as shown, and use the tile nippers to cut these into smaller sections.



7 Apply a random line of tiles along each edge of the panel, fixing into place with PVA, to gradually build up the background.



8 Once PVA has dried, mix up grout and apply with the squeegee (ensure you wear gloves). Remove excess with a damp sponge. Let dry and wipe with a dry cloth.