Colour Combinations:

What You Need:

**Equipment:**

1. Clock base (from Monster Mosaics) measuring (27.7cm in diameter = 10.9 inches) minimum thickness 70mm (0.3 inches)
2. Glass tile cutter (wheeled nippers)
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.

**Materials:**

1. Wood varnish if you do not want to paint the back.
2. Glass and mirror tiles (2.5cm x 2.5cm = 1 inch)
3. 4 Glass pebbles
4. Wood glue / WeldBond / cement adhesive
5. Black grout.
6. Grout sealant
7. White PVA paint and a form of glazecoat
1. Draw a line through the centre at the back and let it run through to the front as in pic. 2

2. Draw a straight line through the front, this helps when you are placing your pattern and lining it up for the 12h00 point.

3. Use carbon paper and trace your pattern on.

4. Make sure that your pebbles line up with 12, 3, 6 and 9 on the clock.

5. Cut the tiles into eighths.

6. Start with the centre of your gecko. Lay the tile down to follow the curves. Nip your tiles to lie at angels if necessary.

7. Here you can see a close-up shot of the centre section. Keep within the lines and remember to keep the same spacing between your tiles.

8. Centre all laid. I use toothpicks to push tiles into place when they are very thin or small.

9. Start the same process with your other green tiles. Lay the colours randomly.
How To:

10. Always lay on the lines and then fill in the middle sections. This way your work will always look neat.

11. You need to cut circles for the feet.

12. Start with cutting the corners off at an angle and then nibbling away until you have a circle. I used a picture with a big tile just to show you. You must cut circles from eighths.

13. Cut your red and orange tiles into random shapes. I do not smash my tiles as I find that there is too much wastage. Stick them around the curves of the gecko and circle.

14. Finish sticking the tiles and start with the red circle that outlines this circle. Try keep your cut tiles the same approximate size.

15. All done.

16. Cut your mirror tiles into eighths and stick them around on the outside of the red section.

17. Cut your mirror tiles into eighths and stick them around on the outer side of the circle.

18. Cut your bright green tiles into sixths (refer to pic. 5) and stick them in between the mirror tiles.
19. Cut your orange tiles into corners and place them on the border.

20. Cut them at slight angles to compensate for the curve. This takes a bit of practice so order extra tiles.

21. Cut your red tiles into eighths and place them between the mirror and orange border tiles. Let your piece dry for 24 hours before you grout.

22. Mix your grout to a thick peanut butter consistency. Let it slake for 10 minutes before applying.

23. I use tongue depressors to mix and apply my grout. I also will run my fingers over to make sure the grout goes between the tiles. USE gloves! Grout is a severe abrasive, it will take the skin off your fingers not to mention stain your fingernails.

24. When the grout has formed a haze, take kitchen roll and gently wipe off the excess grout. Clean off, wait 5 minutes and then clean again. This way, you do not need to use a damp cloth. When it is dry seal the grout with grout sealant.

25. Paint the sides and back with 2 coats of PVA paint and then a waterbased glaze. It will seal and make the piece look professionally finished.

26. Monster Mosaics watch hands are white on one side and black on the other - you can decide which one you prefer to use.
The Pattern: