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Substrate Ideas, costs, where to purchase:

Wooden Shapes Bugs, Flowers, hearts etc.	Michaels \$5- 15	Dollar store Small to medium size \$1	Amazon woodshapestore.com prices vary
Stepping Stones	Lowes or Home Depot 12x 12 \$1.68		
Flower Pots	Lowes or Home Depot various sizes \$2.28 - \$40		
Cradle Boards	Michaels 5.99 and up	Jerrys Art Arama (Preston Road) \$1.75 and up	Amazon Dick blick.com prices vary
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In general anything can be a substrate and students often make great finds at thrift stores and garage sales, dragging in wooden trays, old windows and even furniture tables to work on. I start students off on day one with a supplied small ornament or tile coaster substrate to learn basic cutting techniques, giving them a practice piece and a week to think about the design work on their main projects.

Students generally choose a wide array of different projects to their taste , but in group or corporate settings I can also provide one project concept such as stepping stones and everyone will work their own design ideas within that scope.