

The Lowenfeld Mosaic Test
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To Dr. Lowenfeld belongs the credit of having first described the technique now known as play therapy, used for the diagnosis and treatment of the psychological disturbances of children. With her mosaic test she must have been one of the first to employ the technique of "projection," but she has only now made available a full account of her material and her own particular application of the method. It is perhaps misleading to call any projection technique a "test" for himself

Dr. Lowenfeld's hands, the mosaic material goes further in diagnostic and therapeutic procedures than mere test. The phenomena to which she calls attention are of great psychological interest, but the reader may not feel sure that she has established every one of her conclusions. He may also be disappointed that the book does not give him more help in using the "test" for himself.

The book is well produced, and it is accompanied by 144 coloured reproductions. To have these separated from the text is not particularly convenient, but since different combinations of them - twenty or thirty at a time - are needed to illustrate each chapter it is hard to see what better solution could be found.