

Cutting you in on the latest from Spectrum Glass Company

This Holiday Season, Give The Gift of Your Talent

hy not save some hard earned do-re-mi and put your talent to good use this Holiday Season? Everyone loves receiving a hand made gift... it says so much more than another sweater or bottle of perfume from the mall. If you're reading this article, it's because you are already involved with art glass, in some form. Whether your interest is in glass fusing, mosaics, copper foiling, torch work or the timeless beauty of stained glass — you have the ability to create something unique and beautiful. Gifts of handmade glass can be a perfect way to keep the cost of the holidays down...especially during tough economic times.

The broad term "glass craft" encompasses such a wide variety of forms, methods and techniques, that it must be more versatile than any other medium under the sun. The possibilities are endless. And what better time to consider trying some of those "other" things you can do with art glass? Home is an especially comforting place to be these days, and lots of us are turning to our crafts as both a rewarding way to spend time and a definite way to save money.

So let's take a whirlwind tour of just some of the intoxicating techniques and project possibilities that make art glass a "craft for life."

Foiled or Leaded Stained Glass — Suncatchers, window hangings, opalescent wall art...there are so many ways to create wonderful stained glass gifts. You can match

the theme to something the recipient collects, choose the design and color to complement a room in their house or just have fun and surprise them. There are literally thousands of patterns to choose from. (If you haven't made use of the collection of free patterns on our website — you're missing out on a great resource!)

Mosaics — Virtually anything can be a "form" for glass mosaics: fishbowls, wine bottles,

boxes and birdhouses, vases and planters, clay trays and gazing balls. Look at the proliferation of hardware frames (complete with patterns) now available for projects like patio end tables and garden stakes. Go to your retailer and browse the mosaic books. You'll be amazed at all the

decorative and useful gifts you can make.

Fusing — Small scale fusing and slumping is not technically complex, and it yields some of the most masterful, creative glasswork possible.

Dichroics and iridescents and exotic colors, formed into pins, earrings, bracelets, belt buckles and barrettes — even watchbands.

But why stop there? You can easily make platters, sushi trays, condiment dishes, tiles, nightlights, coasters, trivets, and

bowls. All this and countless more can be made with a kiln that plugs into any standard wall outlet. (By the way, you can order the awesome HotStart Pro kiln through your Art Glass Retailer and have it delivered right to your door!)

Beads — One of the fastest growing segments of glass crafting. Take a seat, grasp a narrow strip or pencil-thin rod of glass in one hand, a "mandrel" in the other, and heat one end of the glass in a torch flame. Add colors. Twirl. Zig. Zag. Manipulate. Round beads, oval beads and small figurines, jewelry, ornaments and zipper-pulls. Then large marbles...then paperweights...then, who knows? Very affordable and very addictive.

You can also begin with an object of your choosing and let it guide you. Embellishing existing items such as castings and figurines are a great way to get a quick jump on a number of different projects. Your Art Glass Retailer has metal castings of curious creatures that come to glorious life when you add colorful glass wings, fins, feathers and tails. Complete with patterns, these inexpensive parts turn into impressive and unique keepsakes. We're talking nymphs and dragons and flying pigs, dragonflies and butterflies, peacocks and fish, scarabs and, well, you get the idea.

Creative components are specialty parts that turn a fairly simple glass project into a very professional-looking gift item. Polished wooden boxes to house your copper-foiled inlay. Lit bases for wall sconces, forms for bookends, bodies for kaleidoscopes, runners for clever Christmas sleighs, movements for clocks, frames for weathervanes and intricate stands for waterfowl, angels and sailing vessels. Oh, and did we mention music boxes? Your Retailer even has wind-up movements that fit into your glass box designs.

So...this season, surprise everyone on your list with a one-of-a-kind keepsake; a gift that they'll always treasure. You'll reap the benefits of personal satisfaction, enjoy the sweet sounds of praise, and your wallet will breathe a welcomed



What's New?

Clear Medley

We've created a clear bundle pack to make it easier than ever for you to stock up on top-quality System 96 clear 100SFS products.

The System 96 Clear Medley Pack means variety, convenience & value for you!

Each easy-to-handle pack contains:

- 14 12x12's of 100SFS
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Total of 21 sq. ft. of top-grade fusible Clear System 96 glass. Stock # VP96-CLEAR-21

A great gift for the fuser on your holiday list!

System 96 Casting Plates

Spectrum's new System 96 Casting Plates are formed and formulated for the specific demands of Kiln Casting. These rectangular billets are 6 x 12-inches in size, one half-inch thick, and weigh about 3.5 lbs each.

- Highly devit resistant
- Exceptional flow characteristics
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Available in both Clear and Crystal Clear, System 96 Casting Plates cost significantly less than hand-poured billets and promise to become the clear-cut favorite of kiln casters everywhere.



Spotlight on The Classics

Te'd like to take a moment to turn our attention toward some of Spectrum's most popular classics – no doubt, part of your own favorite glass palette. Each of the three classic glass families that we're spotlighting has a distinctive personality – one that results directly from a unique twist to our production technique.

Waterglass®

The Waterglass texture is as dynamic as it is subtle and natural. It gives stained glass work a depth and movement that can make them really come to life. The natural looking surface of Waterglass is created as a result of stretching the hot glass sheet, while it is still in a pliable state. The result is gentle, rolling waves that resemble the surface of a lake or stream. It's an understated, organic effect that adds interest and graceful movement anywhere transparent glasses are called for. Simply put, Waterglass takes the flat out of flat glass. The difference Waterglass makes is subtle yet stunning and with 41 shades available, you have a complete color palette at your fingertips.

BaroqueTM

Spectrum Baroque is truly unique in the artglass world. The broad swirls and eddies hand-stirred into each sheet are one-of-a-kind and exquisite. It's known as a "reamy" glass, created when formulas of carefully mismatched compositions are combined. The different glasses "oppose" each other when they are hand-stirred together, creating artistic 3-D swirls. Clear or subtly contrasting Baroques are often used beautifully for backgrounds – but the more vivid versions make an artistic statement! Available in 18 colors, Baroque can make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary.

Artique®

Artique is a re-creation of the spirit and character of mouth-blown antique glass. As the sheet is formed and still extremely hot and malleable, we scribe the texture into the surface. It took years to develop the technique that produces just the right balance of brilliant surface characteristics, delicate light refraction and quiet background distortion. The striations are visible from every angle, evident and unmistakable even in small cut pieces. Use the 26-shade palette of Artique to impart a classic, old-world charm to your work.

Have you created a piece that illustrates how magnificently these three glass families can breathe life into a subject? We'd love to see it! Please email an image along with your contact information to info@spectrumglass.com. You never know...we might feature your work in our online gallery and other marketing materials.

2008 Sample Set

Rall is here and that means it's time to update your Sample Set! The Spectrum Online Store makes ordering your set a snap. You can also call or mail in the coupon below. Here's the rundown of what's in the set.

Stained Glass Update

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693-74SF - Crystal Opal/ Pink/ Aqua
633-76SF- Crystal Opal/ Aqua/ Cobalt
397-2SF- Crystal Opal/ Pink
357-2SF - Crystal Opal/ Red
152SF- Ruby Red
100Barnwood - Clear Barnwood
100Vintage- Clear Vintage
211-74SF- Chestnut Brown
170.2SF- Tangerine
128AVSF- Aventurine Green

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All that Glitters is ... GR⊞N!

ew System 96 Aventurine Green is here! Upon firing, Aventurine *EXTREME* springs to life with super-sized flecks of sparkling metallic flake, embedded in a luscious, rich green.

We had fun putting sparkle and pizazz in some easy-to-fuse Holiday decorations. Simple lines are best when you've got the impact of Aventurine *EXTREME* working for you! Slump into keepsake dishes, or add ribbon to hang. Before you know it, your halls will be decked, presents wiil be topped and your shopping list all checked off!

Fusing Note: Copper wire was imbedded in these designs to make them easy to hang. Twist 18-gauge wire and insert between two layers of glass. (A drop of Super Glue holds it together until fused.)

Now available from your System 96 Supplier. Stock #128AVSF



Holiday Decorations made with NEW Aventurine Green.

Happy Holidays from System 96!





Spectrum Glass presents: The System 96® Glass Craft Program

Project Guide

Fiber Paper Holiday Ornaments

Glass Cutting: simple straight lines

Firings: full fuse



Step-by-Step

This is a fun project that's easy enough for kids and yet so cute you'll want to make some yourself! They make great present-toppers or stocking stuffers — so load up a kiln full!

- 1. You will need a Portable Assembly Surface* covered with Thinfire paper.
- 2. Cut a small, simple shape from Fiber Paper. Place the shape onto the Thinfire paper.
- 3. Cut a square (or rectangle) from a light colored glass, slightly larger than your Fiber Paper shape. (Approximately 2 x 2-inches for a square or 2 x 2 ½-inches for a rectangle works well.) Cut an identical second square or rectangle from Clear.
- 4. Stack the two layers of glass evenly over the Fiber Paper shape.
- 5. Hanging Loop: Cut a ¾-inch piece of 18-gauge copper wire and twist it into a loop as shown in the diagram at right. Place loop between the two, stacked layers of glass from Step 4. (Make sure loop hangs over edge of glass!) A pinpoint of glue helps keep the loop in place.
- 6. Full fuse.
- 7. Hang with colorful ribbons or raffia!

NOTE: Looking for holiday shapes to use with this project? Visit the Craft Corner on System96.com, download this Project Guide — page 2 has shape outlines!

Materials We Used

Glass Colors: Assorted light shades of glass plus Clear

Fiber Paper

Wire: 18-gauge copper

Note:

*Portable Assembly Surface = an unglazed ceramic tile used to support a project.





Mactavish Jillian Sawyer From the Book "Witchcraft"

This Spectrum Pattern of the Month comes from the book "Witchcraft" by Jillian Sawyer.

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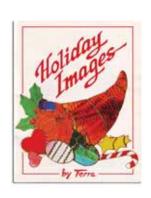
Horn of Plenty

Terra Parma From the Book "Holiday Images"



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Beth Kauffman
From the Book
"Illuminations"

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