



Cutting you in on the latest from Spectrum Glass Company

From the Heart — and System 96®

Now everyone can easily create perfect heart shaped projects, every time, without the mess or fuss involved in using a glass saw, or a grinder.

Express how you really feel about your loved ones by giving them a true gift from the heart. System 96® Heart Blanks are pre-cut heart shapes that you can decorate and fuse, or incorporate into stained glass or mosaic projects. They're available in 6 inch and 8 inch sizes, in both Cotton-Candy Pink and White Opal. You can even slump them into perfectly matched heart shaped molds!

As you can see, Heart Blanks are ideal for making endearing gifts for moms, dads, grand parents, spouses, best friends or anybody who's particularly special in your life. We've created several projects with the Heart Blanks, featured here, just to get your imagination rolling.

Follow the instructions in the Project Guide on page 5, to create a simple and adorable fused picture frame. Fiber paper is used to create a "pocket" for the photo. Frit, rod dots, nipped pieces of glass or colorful Glassline paint can be used to make a design around the pocket or the edge of the blank. Use raffia or colored ribbon to hang,

or attach a magnet on the back for display on a refrigerator door.

See page 2 for a charming Victorian stained glass "wind chime" — no fusing required. The picture frame concept can also be created by copper foiling a photo pocket out of clear glass, cut to the desired shape and size. Simply solder the "pocket" to the front of the Heart Blank's decorative trimming and work it into the design.

The simple, yet elegant, "Dress Plates" shown here are perfect celebratory dishes for a bride and groom, or anniversary guests of honor. The hard cutting is done, all you need to do is add your own touches. You can fuse and slump functional candy dishes, soap trays or trinket plates, even a wall-pocket flower vase. Designs can be thematic, floral, whimsical or sophisticated. Heart Blanks are wonderfully versatile, easy to use, and — with the shape already perfectly cut — all that's left for you is the fun!

Contact your System 96 glass supplier today and get started making gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, even baby showers — any occasion that calls for a treasured gift. With a little help from System 96, you can create special memories made with love, and from the heart.



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Victorian “Wind Chime”

System 96 Hearts aren't just for fusing! The pre-cut shape gives you a jump-start on simple, fun soldered projects, like this sweet wind chime.

We began by wrapping a Cotton Candy Pink Heart Blank and a White Heart CutUp with copper foil, and then we added swirled wire accents and "hooks" to hang the CutUp and beads from the Heart Blank.



Variations on a Theme

Take the concept and run with it! Try adding some small copper foiled leaves around the edges and use wire to create a decorative vine. Or imagine how cute cut-glass ballet slippers or flowers, soldered to the edges, or dangling from the bottom could be. Add a personal touch by writing a name or message using permanent metallic ink markers. Instead of the heart CutUp, substitute a Dove, Dragonfly, Butterfly — or create any shape to incorporate. Just get creative and see what happens — these are called “blanks” for a good reason!

More ideas to fuel your imagination...



Giving Back to the Community

Absolute Glass is a family retail glass studio in Methuen, MA that is owned and operated by Bert and Jayne Roy and their daughter, Laurie.

Driving past one of the town's historic Fire Stations on her way to work every day, Jayne Roy noticed an old fire prevention poster hanging in the window. She could see that many years of hanging had taken its toll, but she was touched by the theme. She knew it was just a matter of time before the poster would be completely faded, so she decided to make a rendition of it in stained glass and present it to the Fire Station.



Photo by Sue Whipple of Methuen Life

Jayne's daughter, Laurie provided the pattern drawing, modifying it from the original photographed poster to accommodate the stained glass process. Jayne did the majority of the glasswork, and her husband Bert did the installation. The window was completed in three separate panels and took approximately one month's time, from start to finish. The faded poster has now been replaced with a breathtaking, permanent stained glass window. The

window serves as a great example of how one family was able to use their talent to pay tribute to the dedication and bravery of firemen everywhere.

Other than contributing to the local “Festival of Trees” at Christmastime, this was the first project donated by Absolute Glass. Jayne said that the idea of providing a window in place of the poster was something she couldn't get out of her mind. She knew that she had to turn her inspiration into reality. It was a family project that will now be enjoyed by the entire community for generations to come.



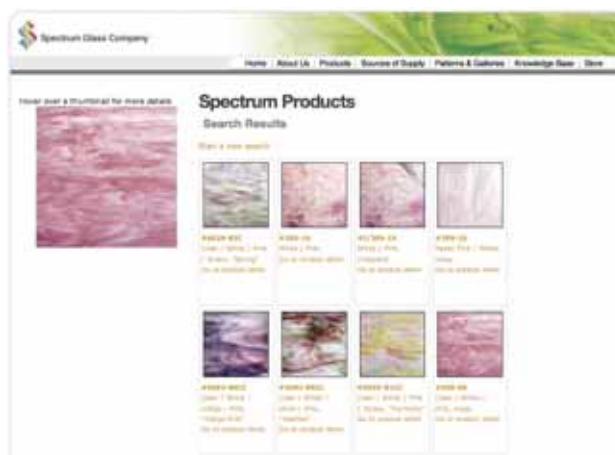
Read more about the project and view additional photos at the following link to their website: www.absoluteglass.com/FireFighterDonation.html

Coming Soon — the New Spectrum Website

The Spectrum Stained Glass website is undergoing an extreme makeover! Scheduled to be unveiled this spring, the new site will look and work differently but, rest assured, all the things you've enjoyed in the past are still there and even easier to find. In addition to the fresh look and improved navigation, we've been working hard to provide robust search capabilities for our product images and patterns so you can easily find just what you're after. Here are the details.



Products: Now you're free to sort as generally as choosing a color, say — "pink," or as refined as choosing "textured," "pink," and "color-mix" to narrow in on just the glass you're really after. You can even search by product families such as Waterglass®, Baroque™, Iridescent or Wispy if you know that's where you want



to start. The Product List is also still available if you prefer to search by stock number.

Patterns: Search through all patterns at once or pare down your choices by selecting just the Floral, Bird or Holiday libraries. Under the "Specialty" group you'll be able to search for patterns that make use of specific products such as SilverCoats™, Baroque™ or System 96®.

Galleries: We understand that inspiration comes in many forms, so we've built Galleries that are useful and flexible. Our Artist Galleries display high-end professional work, but we've also created Galleries that showcase creative uses of particular products and – our favorite – "A World of Possibilities" that attempts to show the mind-boggling scope of what can be made with the versatile medium of glass. Lots to explore!



We hope you share in our enthusiasm about the site redesign. Take a look around and try out the new features. We'd love to hear what you think. Let us know — or just tell your friends about all the cool new stuff!

And psssssst Those of you who are on our E-list will be among the first to hear about the new Spectrum Stained Glass web site when it's launched! Make sure you're signed up to receive product news, free patterns and special offers.

It's easy! Go to www.spectrumglass.com and look for the icon below.

Please note: Well-meaning SPAM catchers may try to steal our email messages unless you add Spectrum (or System 96) as trusted senders. Make sure you check your settings!





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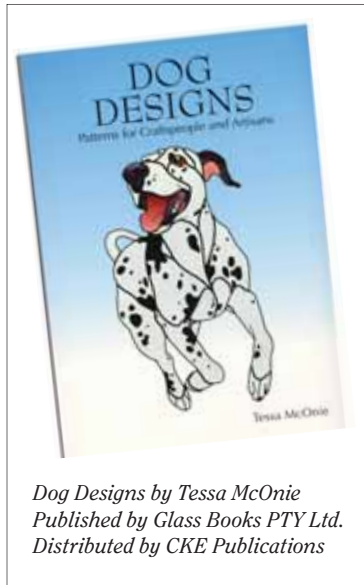
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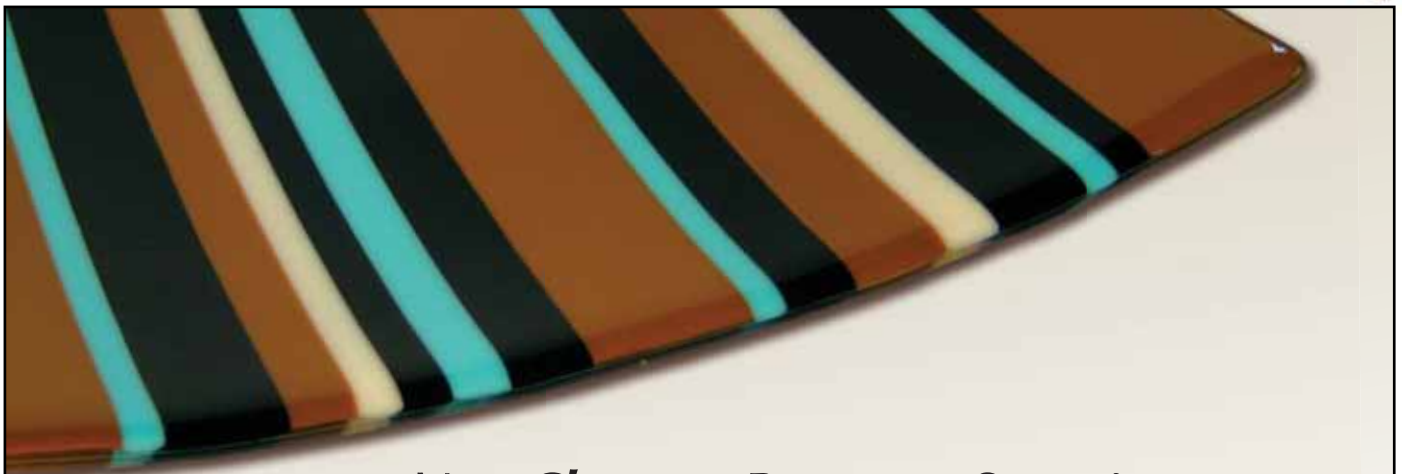


*Dog Designs by Tessa McOnie
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Dog Designs, a new pattern book by Australia's Tessa McOnie, is every bit as incredible as her previously published collection of Cat Designs. Adorable dogs of every size, shape, and color are brought to life with amazing realism, clarity and personality. It's not only that Tessa's dog patterns are true to breed, but she has also managed to capture the inner spirit within each of her "characters."

Tessa's newest book includes over 30 patterns of dogs displaying every possible mood and pose. Their expressions run the full gamut — playful, sad, attentive, pensive...some are even just down right silly. There's a breed to please everyone... from a poised-for-action Golden Labrador Retriever, and an apprehensive Scottish Terrier to a rambunctious Dalmatian and high-steppin' Poodle. The only thing that these dogs all have in common is that they are absolutely irresistible!

Tessa's patterns are easy to follow and feature clean, professional lines. Ask your Spectrum Glass Retailer for more information on purchasing a copy of *Dog Designs* or visit the publisher's website: www.glassbooks.com.au/index.shtml.



New Chestnut Brown — Sweet!

Chestnut Brown Opal is a deep, earthy brown that augments the System 96 "Natural Selection" family of neutral tones. Its creamy, rich color softens slightly upon firing.



Product Code:
#211-74SF



Project Guide

Photo Frame Heart

Glass Cutting: **simple straight cutting/nipping**

Firings: **slow contour fuse**



Step-by-Step

1. Attach wire loops (for hanging) to a 6-inch White Heart Blank. (Techniques for creating various hanging options can be found in the Craft Corner section of www.system96.com.) We embedded our wire between the Blank and a small piece of clear Noodle.
2. For a standard small school photo, cut a 1½ in. x 2¼ in. rectangle from 1/8-inch Fiber Paper and another identical rectangle from a sheet of ThinFire paper. (The Fiber Paper creates the "pocket" to hold the photo, the ThinFire paper will keep the clear glass smoother for better visibility.)
3. Place the piece of Fiber Paper on the Heart Blank where the photo will be when finished. Create a flower border from coarse frit, nipped glass and Rod Dots. Arrange around the Blank and lightly sprinkle coordinating medium frit between the flowers.
4. Cut a 2 in. x 2¼ in. rectangle, from clear glass.
5. Carefully place the Thin Fire Paper (from Step 2) on top of the Fiber Paper and then position the clear glass rectangle over the paper layers, so that the glass hangs 3/16" beyond the bottom and two sides. *The paper stack should extend slightly beyond the top edge of the glass.*
6. Follow the slow-ramp, Contour fuse program provided at right.
7. Hang with coordinating ribbon.



Pre-Fired project illustrating Fiber Paper, Thinfire paper and hanging wire placement

Materials We Used

Blank: 6-inch White Heart

Glass Colors: Assorted

Frit: Assorted Coarse & Medium

Rod Dots: Assorted

18- Guage copper wire

Keys to Success

Fiber paper insulates the glass below it, slow firing is recommended for even heating. (Breakage can occur if you go too fast!)

Seg	Ramp (°F per Hour)	Goal Temp (° F)	Hold Time (Minutes)
1	325	1350	20
2	350	1440	5
3	9999*	950	40
4	150	800	10

*as fast as possible

Tip:

After firing, gently remove the Fiber Paper from the pocket with a small crochet hook or knife.



Waterlily Circle

Leslie Gibbs
From the Book
"Topical Breezes"

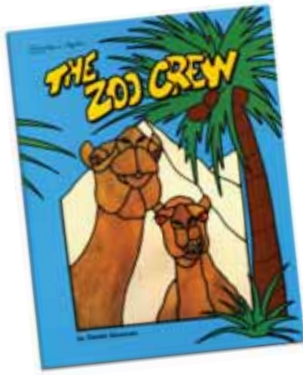
*This Spectrum Pattern of the Month comes from the book
"Tropical Breezes" published by CKE.*

*See your local retailer for this free pattern or to
purchase the book.*

Spectrum Glass Suggestions

- A. 423-1W Pale Green/ Aqua Waterglass®
- B. OA/325-52SF SourApple OpalArt™
- C. 609-8S Clear/ Pink/ White, wispy





Mom & Geraldine

Daniel Donovan
From the Book
"The Zoo Crew"

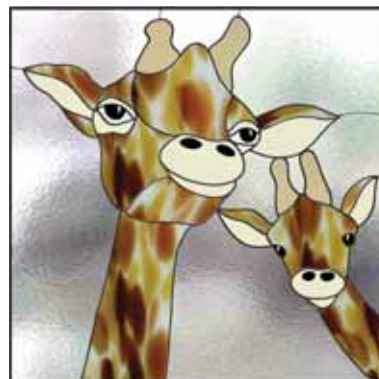


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Spectrum Glass Suggestions

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| A. Spirit/6115-75SF | Sedona |
| B. 100SN | Clear Satin |
| C. 210-71SF | Ivory Opal |
| D. 210-72SF | Almond Opal |
| E. 200S | White Opal |



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Dodge

Tessa McOnie
From the Book
"Dog Designs"

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Spectrum Glass Suggestions

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| A. 317-6S | Dark Amber/ White |
| B. 211-74SF | Chestnut Brown Opal |
| C. 609-8S | Clear/ Pink/ White, wispy |
| D. 200S | White Opal |
| E. 110.8S | Medium Amber Translucent |



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