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PROJECT TITLE:

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DESIGNED BY:

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SKILL LEVEL: *(Adult 1-5: 1 being the easiest, 5 being most difficult)*

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TIME TO COMPLETE:

5 hours (does not include drying time)

ROMANCE COPY:

Victorian images peek out from underneath clear glass mosaics to create these charming holiday ornaments.

PROJECT TIP:

- Never dispose of grout directly down a drain.
 - If grouting without latex gloves, pour vinegar over hands to restore skin PH.
 - This technique is great to transform family photographs, stickers and cutouts into mosaic keepsakes.
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VENDOR NAME:

Diamond Tech

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To protect work area, cover with newspaper.
2. With a Sharpie® marker, sketch the shape of the ornament base on a piece of clear glass. Featured ornament measures 2.25" x 4.75".
3. Using a glass cutter, score the glass along the sketched outline. Break out glass shape with running pliers.
4. Cut out a Victorian Santa or any image you prefer from an old holiday card or download Victorian holiday images from an online source. Cut away as much background as possible. Position on picture on each clear glass base.
5. Glue image to the surface using E-6000® or a glass adhesive that dries clear.
6. Position the glass gems at the top of the ornament and glue into place.
7. Cut another piece of clear glass large enough to cover the image. Score and break into large pieces using a glass cutter. Cover image with the clear

glass leaving 1/8" between the pieces. Make sure a majority of the image is visible through the glass.

8. Once you have achieved your desired look, completely cover the back of the glass with adhesive. Place the glass over the image and press firmly over the entire surface. Moving the glass piece back and forth over the image will help spread the adhesive evenly underneath the glass. Should adhesive seep out of the sides, simply remove it with a toothpick.
9. Choose stained glass chips which coordinates with your image. Nip glass into small pieces using wheeled glass nippers. Fit glass pieces around the image, leaving 1/8" between pieces for grout. Once glass is positioned on the ornament, glue into place and allow to dry.
10. Place 4 tablespoons of black grout in a disposable cup. Slowly add water 1 teaspoon at a time to the grout, mix with craft stick or plastic spoon until the grout reaches "fudge-like" consistency. If it is too watery, add more dry grout in small amounts until the consistency is correct.
11. Wearing disposable gloves; spread the grout into all the spaces between the glass pieces. Wait about 15 minutes for grout to set.
12. Begin to gently wipe away the excess grout using a damp sponge, taking care not to pull grout out of spaces. Use your finger to smooth the grout around the outer edge of the ornament. It is important to remove grout from the tile surface before it is completely dry.
13. Using the soft cloth, buff the tiles to a clean shine. Allow to dry completely for 24 hours.
14. To create the hanger, cut a 12" length of 18 gauge copper wire. Using round-nose pliers, shape one end of the wire into a spiral. Slide several beads onto the open end of the wire and push them up towards the spiral. Use the pliers; bend the wire at a 90° angle after the last bead. Then bend wire back again. This will crimp the wire and prevent the beads from sliding down.
15. Place wire on a solid surface and cover with a piece of paper. Use a hammer and pound the copper wire flat. This will strengthen the wire. Flatten the spiral and flatten the end of the wire, making sure you do not strike the beads.
16. Next, place ornament face down and position hanger on the back of ornament, spiral side facing away from the ornament. Tape to hold in place. Apply glass glue over the exposed wire and allow to dry following manufacturer's instructions.
17. Once dry, hang your Victorian ornament in a window or on your holiday tree.

MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

12" x 6" Clear Glass (Picture Frame Glass Works Well)
5 oz pkg Jennifer's Mosaics™ Stained Glass Chips Variety
1 Variety Pack Jennifer's Mosaics™ Glass ½" Gems
Jennifer's Mosaics™ Black Grout
Jennifer's Mosaics™ Wheeled Glass Nippers
Victorian Christmas Card Images
Studio Pro™ Glass cutter
Studio Pro™ Running pliers
12" 18 Gauge Copper Wire
Assorted Beads
E-6000® Adhesive
Masking or Duct Tape
Sharpie® Marker
Hammer
Round-nose Pliers
Scissors
Mixing Bowl and Spoon
Sponge
Latex Gloves
Paper Towels and Newspaper