

Bottle Art Inspiration

From fusing to stained glass, etching or mosaics, glass bottles are ready to be reused in spectacular art. Find creative ideas below from Delphi customers and artists like you to get started.

Feature your favorite bottle:



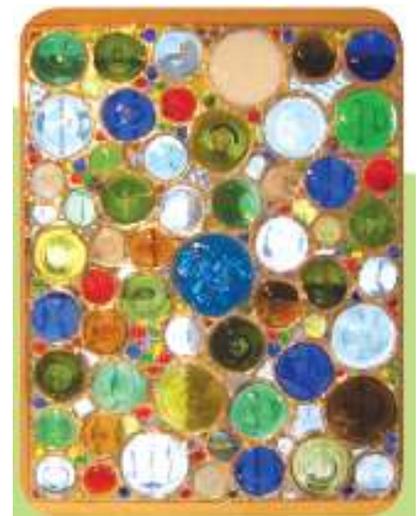
Cathedral Glassworks of BC, Canada designed the panel at left featuring a client's favorite label by cutting a bottle in half and soldering it into a vineyard design.



2010 Online Art Glass Festival winner Pamela Buerger of Fenton, MI designed the panel, above right, "Wine Anyone" with a glass bottle cut in half and incorporated into the design with a piece of red glass plated behind it to give the illusion of a bottle that's always full.

Bit by Bit:

Artist Susie Thompson of Phoenix, AZ recycles colorful bottles in her art in a unique way – she cuts the bottoms off and uses them in place of rondels. At left is a panel that combines bottles, glass nuggets, antique marbles and other assorted found items to create a colorful and beautiful design.





The 3-D Dragon sculpture, above left, by artist Steve Landrum of Mountain Home, AR was created from bits of bottles, paired with stained glass to create this fantastic sculpture with unique curved surfaces and contours.

Artist Ramona Mauch of Exeter, CA captured our imagination with her 2010 Online Art Glass Festival 1st Place Sculpture, shown above right. She created this fantastical creature from recycled bottles that were disassembled, then pieced back together to form this unique character with legs that hint at the origin of the glass. Details were added with copper sheet.

Glow Green:



Nancy Faust at Touch-O-Glass of Amherstburg, ON, Canada shares one of her sparkling mosaic lanterns, at left, that are beautiful as a patio accent during the day, but truly come to life in the evening. They cast a warm glow and festive color on gatherings, making even casual get-togethers seem special.

Artist Robin Dempsey decorated a bottle with oven-bake glass paints to create a fun summer hanging lantern.



Additional Ideas:

- Make luminaries, planters and more from cut bottles. Planter at right by artist Andy Spencer, courtesy of Diamond Tech. Get the instructions in Free Project Guide #FP001DT.
- Fused bottles can be slumped to create fun serving dishes. Add enamel accents to dress them up or customize designs. Slumped dishes below by artist Stephanie O'Toole were made using molds #80681 and #806150.



- Cut bottle pieces can be fused or slumped to make amazing jewelry, suncatchers or wind chimes. Project courtesy of Diamond Tech.
- Looking for even more ideas? Check out "Bottle Art" book #6288 for 61 great project ideas to inspire your earth-friendly art!