

Stars and Stripes Garden Chime

Let freedom ring with this patriotic fused chime.

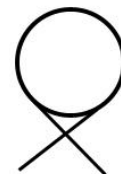
Project shown by artist Val Oswalt.

Materials:

#X200 White Opal – 2 medium
#X602502 Red Opal – 1 medium
#X23076 Dark Blue Opal – 1 medium
OR
#B001330 Opaque White – 2 medium
#B012430 Red Opalescent – 1 small
#B014730 Deep Cobalt Blue Opalescent – 1 small
And
#450417 High Temp Wire
#63908 Suncatcher Hanging Wire
#63909 Suncatcher Crimp Connectors
Optional: #92811 1/8" Fiber Paper

Instructions:

1. Cut glass following pattern below, clean and set aside.
2. Form 14 rings with "tails" (see diagram at right) from high temp wire.
3. On a prepared kiln shelf, stack:
 - a. 2 white waves which will become the top bar of the chime. Position 2 rings with the tail between glass layers near the outside corners of the top edge, and 4 rings with the tail between glass layers evenly spaced along the bottom edge.
 - b. 2 sets of white waves and 2 sets of red waves with a single ring positioned between glass layers on the narrow end of each set.
 - c. 2 sets of blue squares with a single ring positioned between glass layers at a corner of each set. Optional: To add a dimensional imprinted star design, cut a star from 1/8" fiber paper and center it under the bottom layer of blue glass.
 - d. Lay out each white star, stack a white circle on the center, and position white triangles on points of stars. Position a single ring between a triangle and star point on each set.
4. Fire to a medium to full fuse (see firing chart below for guidelines).





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5. Clean all fused glass pieces and assemble the chime using suncatcher hanging line and crimps.

Firing Schedule - Medium Fuse			
Segment	Rate (°F/hour)	Temperature (°F)	Hold (minutes)
1	300	1220	30
2	300	1425	10
3	9999 (as fast as possible)	960	40

