

Fast, Festive Glass Nugget Art

Make fun gift tags, ornaments and sun catchers for the holiday season with glass nuggets and scrap glass.

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Materials:

Glass Nuggets – Assortment

Optional: Scrap Glass

Copper Wire or Pre-Tinned Copper Wire

Basic Stained Glass Tools and Supplies

Step-By-Step Guide:

1. Clean glass nuggets with glass cleaner and a soft cloth to help ensure foil adheres easily.
2. Select glass nuggets to create a fun holiday design – some templates are included below to provide ideas.
3. Wrap each nugget in foil.

Delphi Tip: Use the Nugget Foiler #4948 to make foiling faster and easier – simply position foil adhesive side up and roll the nugget for perfectly centered foil.

4. Burnish foil.

Delphi Tip: Place a large number of foiled glass nuggets in a plastic jar together and swish around. The motion and pressure from surrounding nuggets will smooth foil quickly.

5. Apply flux to all nuggets for your design and tin with a thin coating of solder.
6. Bend wire to create hanging loops, reinforcement and details. Flux and tin wire pieces.
7. Use metal push pins to hold nuggets in place, tack solder to assemble.
8. Position wire details on project and tack solder in place.
9. Solder reverse side then apply a finished solder bead on front.
10. Clean with flux remover and polish.

These designs can be created in fused glass too! Just use System 96® Pebbles™, tested compatible glass scraps and high temp wire and follow a tack fuse firing schedule.





Nuggets shown in green, wire details shown in black, cut glass pieces shown in red.