



Spectrum Glass presents: The System 96® Glass Craft Program

# Project Guide

## Home Sweet Home

Glass Cutting: **simple straight lines**

Firings: **tack fuse** (see Tech Tip)



## Step-by-Step

- 1.** This project is great for a wide range of ages and skill levels – depending on how much detail you choose to incorporate. Shoot for a whimsical, child-like character or aim for more sophistication – you’re the architect! Begin with a sketch or a clear idea of what you want to create. Gauge the scope of your house or neighborhood concept and choose an appropriate size and color blank.
- 2.** Start by creating the basic building(s) you envision. Just about any style of architecture can be represented with simple, geometric shapes. Squares, rectangles, triangles and trapezoids will be your main building blocks. Glue the pieces onto your blank with pinpoint of glue.
- 3.** Once the basic structures are in place, it’s time to have fun with detail. Some tips follow:  
  
Windows: Use stringer, noodle or Glassline paints to define window panes and shutters.  
  
Trees & Shrubs: Strips, Noodle or Stringer make great tree trunks or branches. Foliage, fruit and flowers can be created with nipped or cut glass pieces, Frit, and Rod Dots.  
  
Flowers: Stringer stems, Frit or small nipped pieces for petals and leaves. Window boxes add a charming touch. Use a thin strip for the “box.” Dab on some Klyr-Fire and carefully sprinkle Frit of various sizes and colors (Layer a generous amount of green shades under brighter petal colors.)
- 4.** Tack Fuse. (See Tech Tip.)
- 5.** Display options: make the piece self-standing by slumping it over a curved “S” mold, use an easel stand, slump it into a platter or fuse hooks on the top and hang with colorful ribbons.



## Materials We Used

Anything that catches your eye -- you have complete creative freedom!

## Tech Tip: Preserving Detail

Details created with smaller pieces of glass such as Frit, Noodle and Stringer are fragile, and will disappear if over fired. A tack fuse will preserve the highest amount of definition and detail. (You can always fire a second time, if a little more contour is desired.)