



Project Guide



Retro Squares ■ framed trivet

Glass Cutting: **simple straight lines**

Firing: **full fuse**

Recommended Accessories: **trivet frame**

Step-by-Step

1. If you plan to use the trivet frame, make your Blank 3/8" smaller: cut 3/8" off two adjoining sides to retain square shape.
2. Cut various-sized squares and rectangles from an assortment of transparent and/or opal colors. Don't worry about accuracy—quirky shapes are part of the appeal.
3. Place the largest shapes on the Blank in a pattern you like. Fill gaps larger than 1/4" but don't worry about smaller gaps.
4. Once you have a pattern you like, affix each shape to the Blank with a pinpoint of glue.
5. Affix smaller shapes on top of some or all of your shapes.

Variations

- This is a great look for any square or rectangular project, such as trays or coasters.
- Try using all opal colors or all transparent colors—or for a subtler effect, various hues of one color, such as dark blue on turquoise on pale blue.

Technical Tip: "Round" Squares

Heated long enough, glass will gravitate toward a ROUND shape about 1/4" thick. We can use this tendency to create wonderful effects. A square with straight-cut edges will "soften" at the sides when fully fused, to form a lovely rounded shape. Smaller squares will turn into round dots; "dots" of Rod will tend to form flat-bottomed balls.

Materials We Used

Blank: 8" square, clear

Glass Colors: assorted transparent and opal

Assembly

