

Project Guide

Whimsical Vases ■ window or wall decor

Glass Cutting: **simple curves**

Firing: **contour fuse**



Step-by-Step

1. Build your frame on a Portable Assembly Surface* or kiln shelf covered with Thinfire paper.
2. Cut a vase shape approximately 9-inches long. (Use Cutting Guide provided or create your own design.)
3. Trace the shape of the top inch or so of the vase's neck onto a small piece of Clear glass. Cut out shape and place underneath the vase aligning with its neck.
4. Hanging Loop: Cut a ¾-inch piece of 18-gauge copper wire and twist it into a loop as shown in the diagram. Place between the vase and the clear piece from Step 3. (Make sure loop hangs over edge of glass!)
5. Decorate the vase as desired.
6. Flower: Cut a rough octagonal shape approximately 2½ inches in diameter from Clear glass. Using pinpoints of glue, build a Pebble flower on this base as shown in diagram.
7. Flower Channel: Cut a 1/8"x 4" strip of fiber paper. Center strip lengthwise on a 2 x ½" strip of Clear as shown in diagram. Dot fiber strip with glue and carefully position the flower on top. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure the fiber strip extends beyond the glass on both sides. This creates a channel through the flower that will be used for hanging.
8. Contour fuse.
9. Finish: Cut an 8-inch length of 18-gauge copper wire. Curl wire whimsically, add beads if desired. Attach one end of this wire to the embedded loop, twisting it securely. This forms the center wire. Cut a 20-inch wire and thread it halfway through the embedded loop and twist in place to create the two outer wires. Curl these and add glass beads, as desired. Make a small loop at the top of the center wire. Thread an 18-inch length of fishing line through the channel in the flower and tie it securely to the center wire loop. Make a small loop on the other end of the fishing line to hang.

Materials We Used

Glass Colors: Your choice

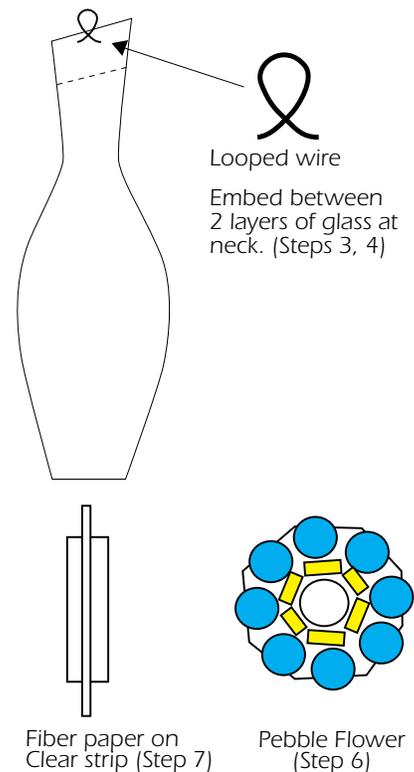
Pebbles: Sky Blue, White

Fiber Paper

Wire: 18-gauge copper

Note:

***Portable Assembly Surface** = an unglazed ceramic tile used to support a project that has no Blank.



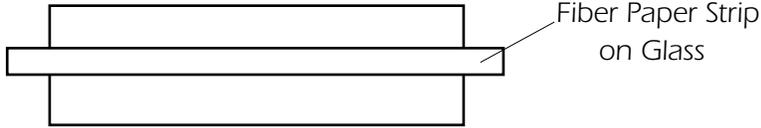


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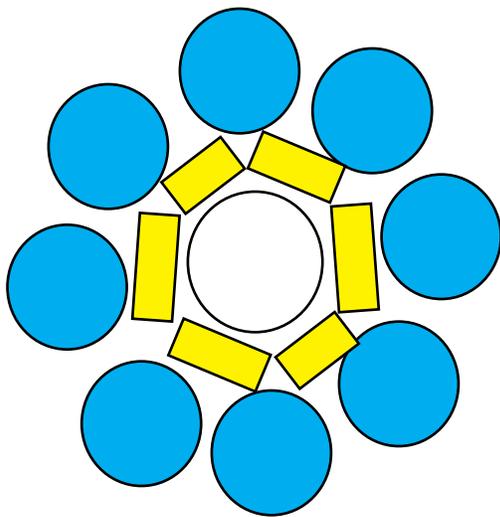
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Channel Diagram



Glass Base for
Pebble Flower



Pebble Flower

Vase Shape

