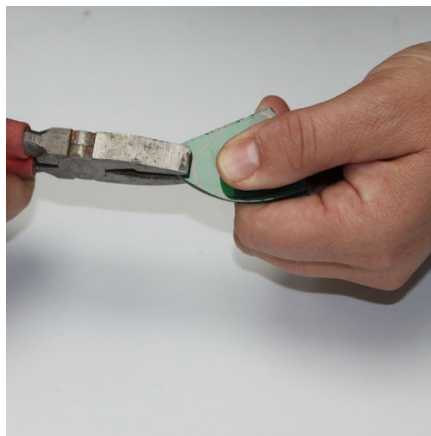


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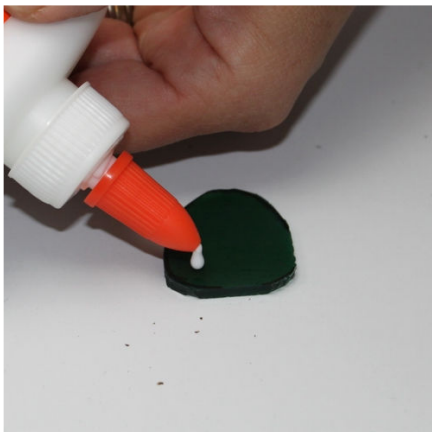
Tipsheet

Project: Necklace with green and dichroic glass and millefiori

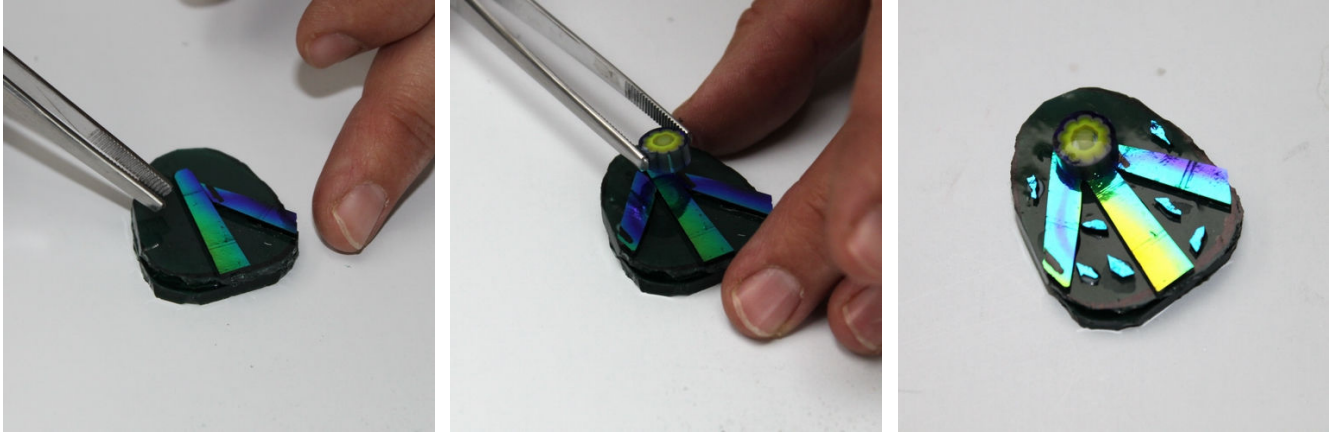
In this example we will make a necklace of dark green glass, decorated with dichroic glass and a single, big millefiori. Will you follow the steps with us?



At first we draw the shape on the glass, with a piece of paper that represents this shape. The glass will then be cut and any sharp tips will be broken off with the small pliers. We cut 2 similar pieces of glass because we need a basic thickness of 6 mm, which means 2 layers of 3 mm glass.



The 2 pieces are glued together (don't use too much). You can use the glue from your HotPot supplier or use another hobby glue, but please test that glue between 2 small pieces of clear glass. Some types of glue can leave black spots while fusing. While the glue is drying, we will cut a few strips of dichroic glass.



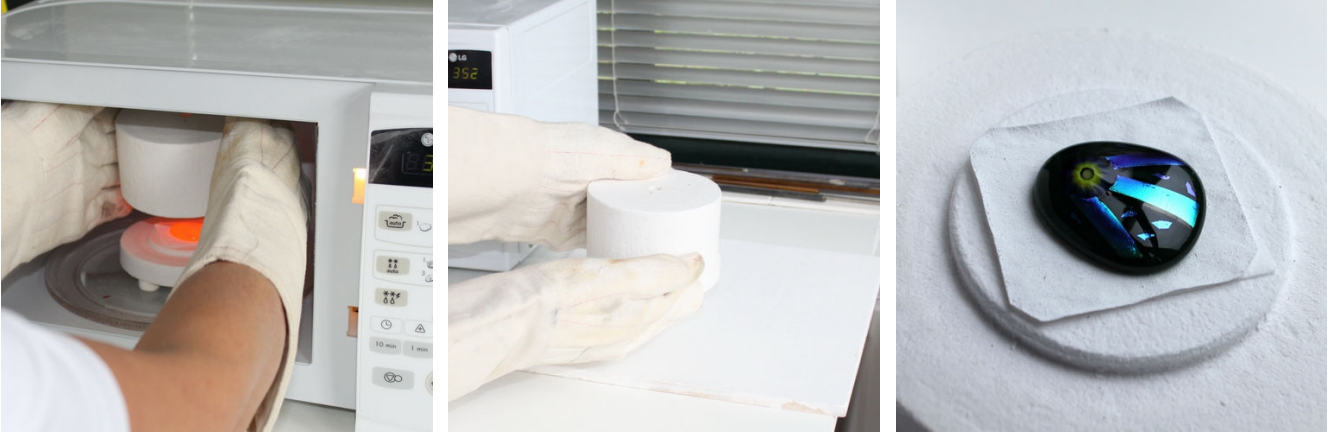
The dichroic glass, the millefiori and a few particles of dichroic glass are carefully placed on the glass piece. It is to be advised to use some glue on all parts, to prevent them from shifting around loose their position, while transporting your work to the microwave.



While the glue is drying, we will prepare the HotPot. We cut a piece of 1 mm biosoluble fibre blanket and a similar piece of smooth fusing paper. First we put the blanket on the bottom of the HotPot, followed by the fusing paper. Next we place our glass creation on the paper, exactly in the middle.



The bottom part of the HotPot is placed in the middle of the microwave, on 3 isolating blocks, to prevent the turning plate from heating up too quickly. We set the microwave. Since we are using the standard (smaller) HotPot, we start with 5 minutes, and 500 watt.



As soon as we see the orange light coming out of the lid of the HotPot, we open the microwave to check the result at this point. We open the lid of the HotPot for 2 seconds. The result is not yet good enough so we continue firing for 30 seconds. We can repeat this checking procedure until the result is okay, but keep in mind that the piece cools down quickly every time you open the HotPot. When the piece has melted properly, we take the HotPot out of the microwave and place it on a heat-resistant surface. After 2 hours the glass has cooled completely and we open the HotPot.



There you go, a beautiful necklace!