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Tipsheet

Nuggets for mosaic

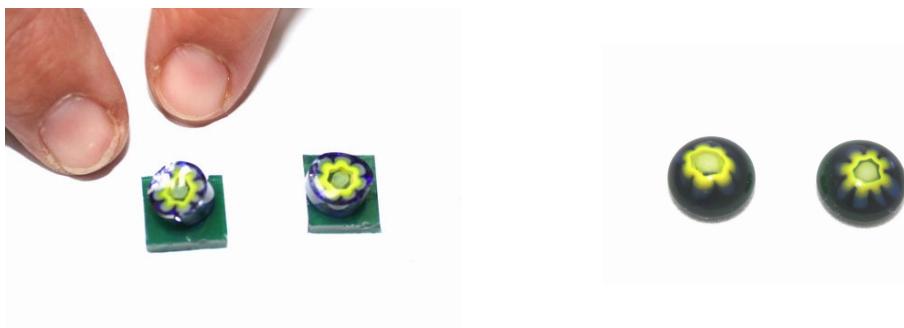


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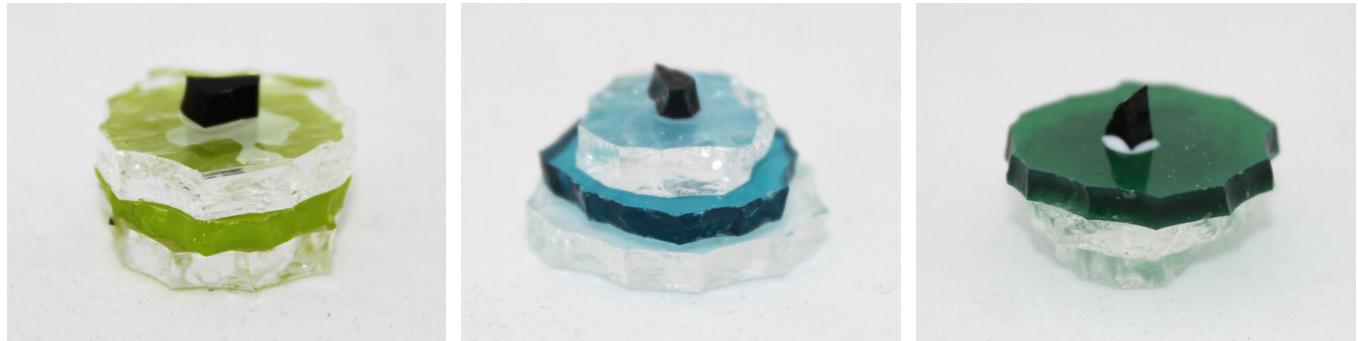
In the last few years the popularity of making mosaic has grown intensely. This can be done with pieces of tiles but also with pieces of glass, or a combination of these two. In all cases it is very nice to use the so called "nuggets". These are flattened glass balls that can be glued into a mosaic artwork, for instance to create eyes. You can buy all sorts of standard nuggets, but it is much nicer and more unique to create your very own nuggets!



Making Glass nuggets is fairly easy. Just stack a number of glass pieces on top of each other, preferably rounded in shape already. These can be very small pieces, for instance a piece of 8 millimetres, with a millefiori on top can become a cute little ball if you fire it long enough!



When you want to create bigger nuggets, there are a few things to keep in mind: the thicker the glass, the longer you need to fire it to get a nice and completed full fuse. However, you should never fire extremely long, since this is not the best thing to do for your microwave. Therefore we advise you never to fire a big nugget for a longer period than you would fire i.e. a piece of 3x3 cm / 1x1 inch in your microwave. In case this is not enough to fully fuse your big nugget, you best let it cool and re-fire it later. Since it will be slightly fused already, a second firing will be enough. This way you protect your HotPot from damaging by over-firing.



It's just a matter of stacking layers on top of each other.....don't forget the glue, to prevent the pieces to fall apart during transport to your microwave and during the initial firing time.

Use your creativity to make big art in small sizes!

