



Harmonic Hearts Tutorial



Lampwork bead tutorial by Lydia Muell





Plutonic Love Heart



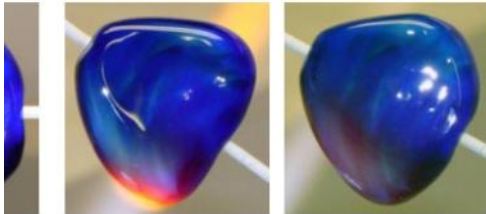
Moonlight Waltz Heart



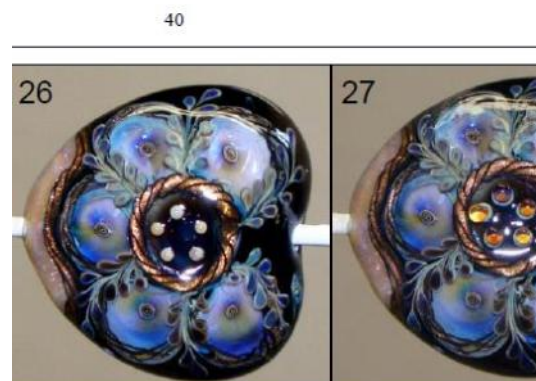
Sunset Opal Heart

Harmonic Hearts is a collection of three tutorials, including step by step directions on how to create the Moonlight Waltz Heart, Plutonic Love Heart and the Sunset Opal Heart. Due to their complexity, these tutorials are written for advanced level lampworkers. Each bead requires four to five different “silvered glasses”, so prior experience working in a reduction flame is recommended. Raking, layering, shaping, and stringer control are additional recommended skill sets.

The COE of the glasses used in the tutorials is 104. Each required glass is readily available through most lampwork suppliers. No special tools or presses are needed, outside of the usual hand-held marver, stainless steel rake, and tweezers.



35. Rake & dots in tow heart, so the tip of the shown in f



trace a line around the edge of the floral lens. Melt it into

Skill Level, Torch Requirements, TOS and Support

Skill Level and Project Times

Each tutorial takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. These tutorials are written for the advanced lampworker, so the following skill sets should be cultivated prior to attempting them:

- Stringer control
- Working with reduction glass “Silvered Glass”
- Raking
- Plunging
- Sculpting
- Setting CZ's
- Pulling stringer and twisted cane

Supplemental exercises have been included, as a more thorough overview of creating the petal motif, garland segments and hand shaping the heart form.

Torch requirements

The heart in each tutorial is about on inch in width and length. Small torches like the Mini CC and Nortel Minor will do nicely, but I am not confident that these hearts can be made on Hothead torches, due to their size and the required reduction process.

Safety

Be sure you're working in a safe studio with proper ventilation and don't forget your safety glasses. Even though I feel it's silly to mention this, after all you're an advanced lampworker. If you question your studio safety and setup, please do some research before attempting these tutorials.

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