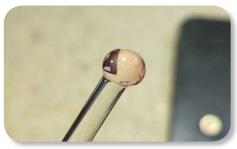
How to make Swirl Spacer Beads



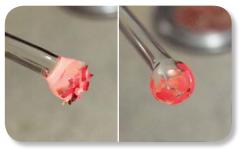
What you need

Some dipped mandrels 1/16 Frit - any frit you like, I used Grand Canyon for these pictures. As for transparent glass, I use Reichenbach COE104 You can use any transparent glass as long as it is COE104.



Let's start making some beads ...

Melt a little gather of glass on the top of your rod, about the size of a pea. This is for making small spacer beads. You can also use a larger amount of melted glass to make bigger beads.



Dip it into the frit and melt it in ...

Wrap your glass around your mandrel, shape it and your bead is ready ... Just as simple as that :-)

Now you may ask what is the difference to the 1000-stringertutorial by Vetromagic. You don't need an additional basebead! But the real big difference is: These beads are really tiny!! Just about 8 mm.



So this is an easy way to make incredible spacers! If you practice a lot you can make 10 beads on 1 mandrel or more. Then put them into the kiln and clean when they are ready.

So now let's make some jewelry with your swirl spacer beads!



Some more pictures...













































