



CHRISTMAS FRIT-TREE

Tutorial for a frit-tree with peg bail

We used: Autumn Sunset | Herbstsonnenuntergang

Further suggestions:

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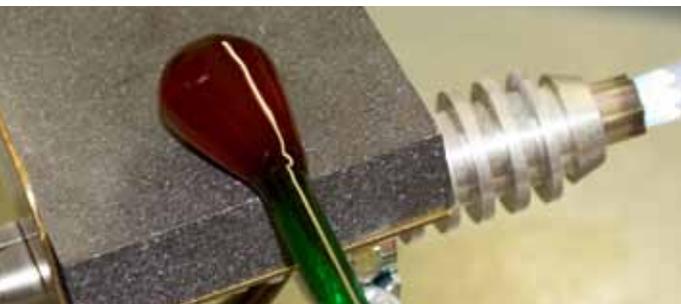
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WHAT YOU NEED

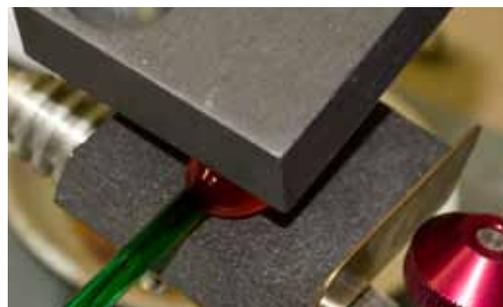
fritblend | we used „Autumn Sunset“ by Vetromagic
peg bail | tweezers or pliers for holding the peg bail
transparent green glassrod | brown glassrod
graphitepadle or -block | knife or similar tool
kiln or vermiculite (for advanced beaders)
can also be made on a mandrel (for beginners)



First melt a big blob of the green glass - we used a transparent green by effetre.

Shape a cone with the help of the graphitepadle. A second tool like a butterknife can also be helpful in forming the cone. The treetop will be brought in shape later!

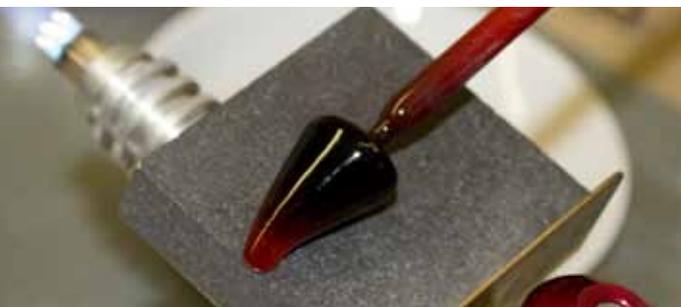
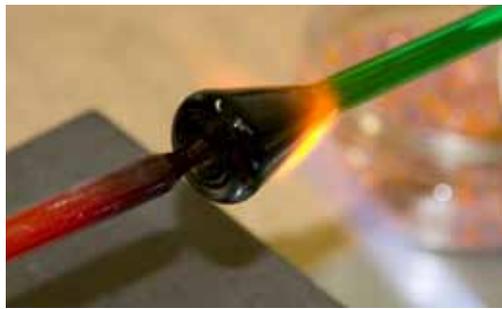
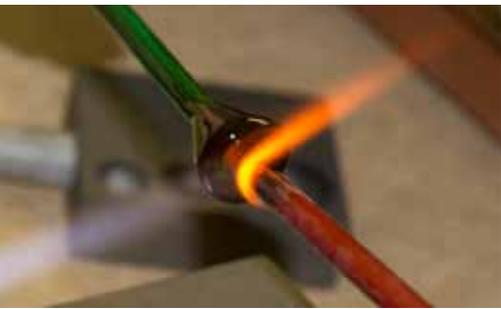
Hint: You can also use opaque glass as base or use the thousand-stringer-technique!



Heat the blob and then roll it gently over the graphiteblock. Repeat this step until you are happy with the shape of a cone. Then heat up the bottom of the cone and push it flat on the graphiteblock. Adjust the coneshape again. This will become the bottom of the tree.

As next step heat the brown rod and the bottom side of your tree and dock the rod onto the bottom side – this will be your trunk. Don't forget to keep your tree warm all the time!!



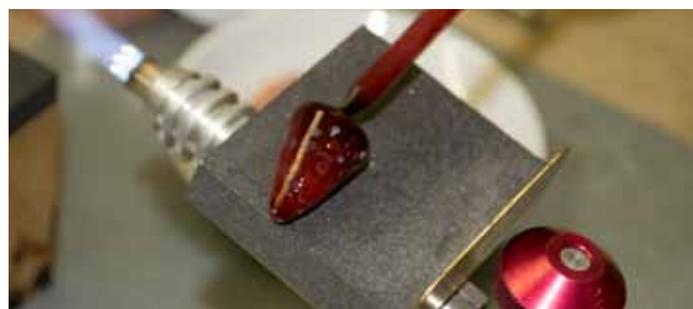


Now you can pull the trunk a little thinner if you like. The brown rod now serves as a punty and the green rod is melted off. Don't melt it off to short, so you can form a nice treetop!

Re-warm it and roll it again on the graphite marver. Repeat this step until you are satisfied with your tree.



If the shape is as wanted, heat the whole surface of the tree and roll it in the chosen fritblend. We used „Autumn Sunset“ by Vetro-magic. Of course you can repeat this step as often as you like. Next melt in the frit or leave them raised a little - do as you like! If the tree lost it's shape, roll it again on your graphitepaddle.



Now put the nicely heated tree to the side for a moment. It's time to to pick up the prepared peg bail! Your can use pliers or tweezers to do so.

Hint: We cut the straight part of the peg bail a little shorter with the help of our petalmagic pliers.

Now heat the tree again to prevent it from cracking. Then heat the top and the peg bail and stick the peg bail into the treetop.



Don't forget to reheat the whole tree! Then grip the peg bail with the pliers or the tweezers and melt off the brown rod. Don't do it too short, because this is going to be the tree trunk. If you have murrinippers or pliers for cutting glass, you can also cut the brown rod off instead of melting it off.

Next form the tree trunk as you like.



Reheat the tree one last time and put it into your kiln.

If you are experienced in annealing with vermiculite, you can also put the tree in vermiculite.

We recommend the use of a kiln to prevent the glass from cracking!

No oven – no problem: Start with a mandel dipped in beadseparator. Form a coneshape out of green glass with the help of a graphitepaddle. Heat it and roll it in the fritblend of your choice! Make a small brown bead below your cone and form a tree trunk. Don't forget to keep the whole tree warm while working!

Three easy steps and you have a nice christmas tree that you can anneal in your vermiculite without having problems with cracking glass! For turning the tree into a piece of jewellery, we recommend our headpins!



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