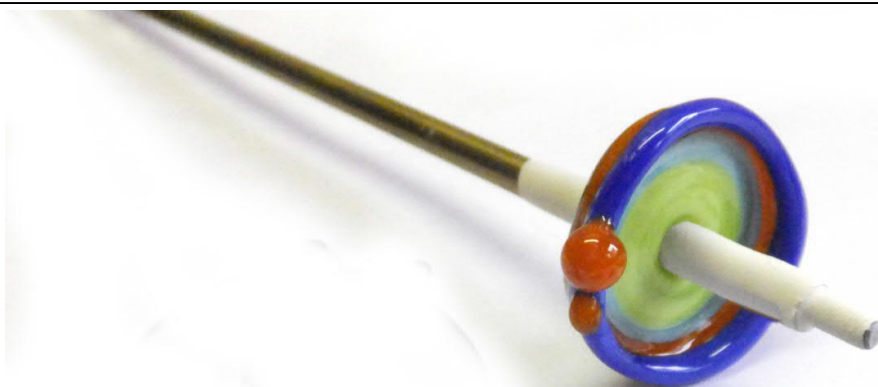


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Create Decorative Lampwork Screw Tops

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Step 1

Create a disc bead with a 4mm hole by using the Beadhoppers ringtop mandrel mandrel dipped in bead release. Of course can also use any other mandrel with a diameter of 4mm or 5/32".



Step 2

Screw a ring height extender onto an other Beadhoppers ringtop mandrel with a small cabochon disc base. Using the small cabochon disc base between mandrel and extender is important to protect the fine threading of the mandrel from the heat of your torch for a longer lifetime. It is not necessary to use beadrelease. Melt some glass in the colours of your choice onto the upper threading of the stainless steel ring height extender and create a decorative screw top. Let it cool down. If you're unhappy with your creation, you can simply crack the glass with some pliers and use the extender again for another attempt.



Step 3

After cooling down and cleaning both glass parts, screw them together into a ring or pendant, adding a small rubber o-ring for a better hold. The parts created in this manner don't have to be annealed in a kiln.