

Hammer Time

Mushroom Caps

Materials:
Sheet Glass: Dark Gray or Brown 6.25" dia fusible compatible glass, 5.25" dia copper bearing fusible compatible glass
Frit: Fine and Medium grain Vanilla Cream frit. Aerosol craft glue, [CPI GM212 Ruffle Drape Mushroom Cap mold](#), kiln shelf paper, glass separator. Hammer, cushion shelf liner.

This tutorial demonstrates how to make mushroom caps using a hammer to break the glass, resulting in an interesting and unique pattern.

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Image 1

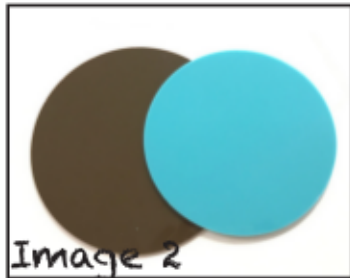


Image 2

Cut a 6.25" dia out of fusible compatible glass and a 5.25" dia out of copper bearing fusible compatible glass. Image 1 glass: Chocolate and Turquoise Blue. Image 2 glass: Chocolate and Turquoise Green. [Click here to find a list of all copper bearing glass that will react.](#)



Image 1



Image 2

Place the 5.25" circle of copper bearing glass under the shelf liner and smash it gently in the middle with a hammer (image 1). This will create multiple shards of glass radiating from the center. If you find that the glass is not adequately smashed do it again on top of the shelf liner (image 2).



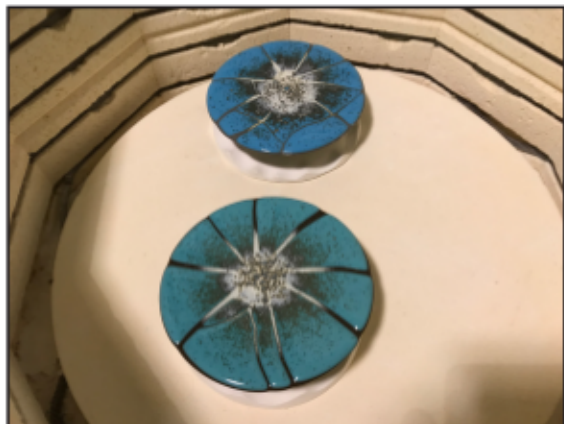
Spray the 6.25" circle of glass with a light coat of craft adhesive.



Rearrange each piece of the broken 5.25" circles on to the 6.25" circles with the edges of the broken circles pieces lined up to the edges of the 6.25" circles. Place the broken pieces in the order that they were in on the original circle but with equal spaces between each piece and with a gap in the center.

Fill the gaps in the centers with fine grain Vanilla Cream and disperse a bit of the frit onto the copper bearing glass. Top the fine frit with a bit of medium grain Vanilla Cream in the center. Add some medium grain frit of a copper bearing glass on top of the Vanilla Cream if desired.

Place the project on kiln shelf paper in the kiln and fire at a full fuse.



Stemming

Use a two part epoxy to adhere a size 14-4 copper butt splice or other hardware to the center underside of the mushroom cap. Cut a 18" piece of 1/4" copper coil and place the tube in the butt splice as a stem when the epoxy sets up.

After the glass is fused, apply glass separator to the GM207 Flat Top Mushroom Cap Molds and center the glass on the molds in a kiln. Drape the glass in the kiln. Suggested draping schedule:

[*See firing notes.](#)

Table 1 Draping Schedule*

Segment	Rate	Temp	Hold
1	250	1200	30
2	50	1250	20
3	9999	950	90

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