Project Guide

Photo Frame Heart

Glass Cutting: **simple straight cutting/nipping**

Firings: **slow contour fuse**

Step-by-Step

1. Attach wire loops (for hanging) to a 6-inch White Heart Blank. (Techniques for creating various hanging options can be found in the Craft Corner section of www.system96.com.) We embedded our wire between the Blank and a small piece of clear Noodle.

2. For a standard small school photo, cut a 1½ in. x 2¼ in. rectangle from 1/8-inch Fiber Paper and another identical rectangle from a sheet of ThinFire paper. (The Fiber Paper creates the "pocket" to hold the photo, the ThinFire paper will keep the clear glass smoother for better visibility.)

3. Place the piece of Fiber Paper on the Heart Blank where the photo will be when finished. Create a flower border from coarse frit, nipped glass and Rod Dots. Arrange around the Blank and lightly sprinkle coordinating medium frit between the flowers.

4. Cut a 2 in. x 2¼ in. rectangle, from clear glass.

5. Carefully place the Thin Fire Paper (from Step 2) on top of the Fiber Paper and then position the clear glass rectangle over the paper layers, so that the glass hangs 3/16" beyond the bottom and two sides. *The paper stack should extend slightly beyond the top edge of the glass.*

6. Follow the slow-ramp, Contour fuse program provided at right.

7. Hang with coordinating ribbon.

Wire Hooks

Pre-Fired project illustrating Fiber Paper, Thinfire paper and hanging wire placement

Materials We Used

Blank: 6-inch White Heart

Glass Colors: Assorted

Frit: Assorted Coarse & Medium

Rod Dots: Assorted

18- Guage copper wire

Keys to Success

Fiber paper insulates the glass below it, slow firing is recommended for even heating. (Breakage can occur if you go too fast!)

Seg	Ramp	Goal Temp	Hold Time
	(°F per Hour)	(° F)	(Minutes)
1	325	1350	20
2	350	1440	5
3	9999*	950	40
4	150	800	10

*as fast as possible

Tip:

After firing, gently remove the Fiber Paper from the pocket with a small crochet hook or knife.