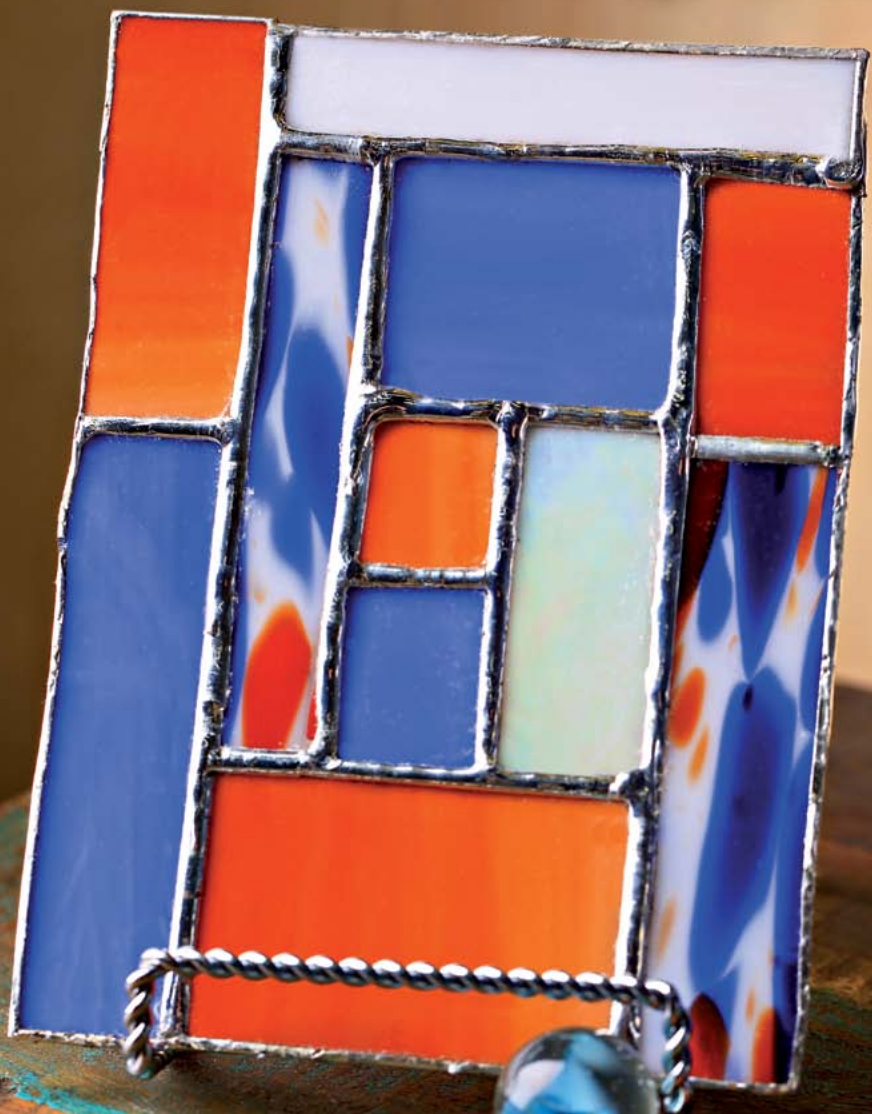


We've put a **MODERN SPIN**
on an age-old craft



*Just check out these fun and creative project
ideas full of color, design and individual style.*

stained glass with style

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^ **new angles** Forty-five degrees is the key to framing these precious faces. Precisely measure and score each piece of glass—symmetry is everything here, especially when it comes to the angles. Then use a grinder to soften the sharp edges before applying copper tape.

Terms to Know

Scoring: To scratch glass with a glass cutter. Use special pliers to break the glass along score lines.

Copper Tape: Strips of self-adhesive copper foil. Apply to the edges of each stained glass piece to prepare it for soldering.

Glass Flux: Used in liquid form to help solder adhere smoothly and effectively to copper foil. Apply to foil with a brush.

Solder: A mixture of tin and lead (sold on a spool) that is melted to fuse together stained glass projects. Applied with a special heat tool called a soldering iron.

Tinning: Applying a thin, smooth layer of solder to the outside edges of a stained glass design.



so rose

Cut a series of triangles, and grind them into rounded petal shapes—be sure to apply copper tape and flux to each piece before tinning the edges. Solder your sculpture in layers, and do details like leaves (soldered to craft wire) and stamens (head pins and beads) last.

» wing it

To create easy dimension like our tree branch, try applying copper tape directly to a solid sheet of glass—we used a glass front shadowbox. Paint the copper with flux, and cover it with solder. Then rub on a dark metallic finish. You can solder on additional elements (like a gorgeous stained glass bird) when the finish is dry.

Tip:

Add dimension to this look by layering printed paper behind the clear glass.



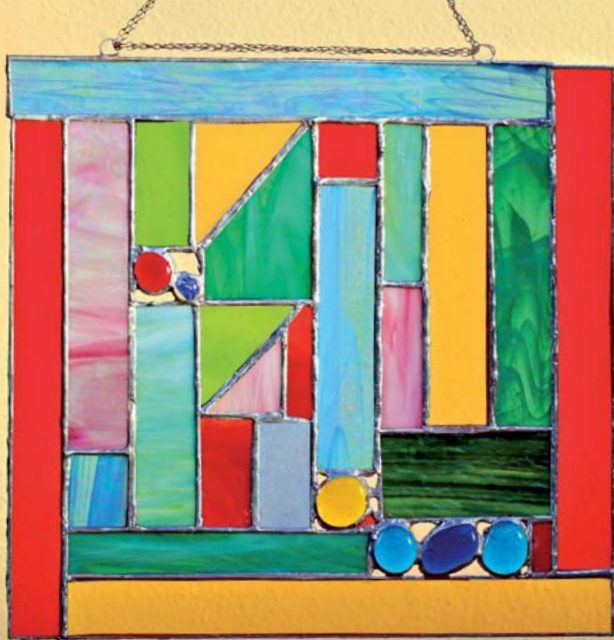
» outside the box

Four carefully measured pieces of glass and some basic soldering—and you have a pretty pencil cup (Hint: The bottom piece is exactly half the size of the side pieces). Embellish with glass gems and artfully bent craft wire.



multicolored magic

Make a modern art mosaic by cutting out a series of simple shapes and piecing them together jigsaw puzzle style. *Tip: Use straight pins on corkboard to corral the design—the pieces must be tightly pushed together for soldering.*

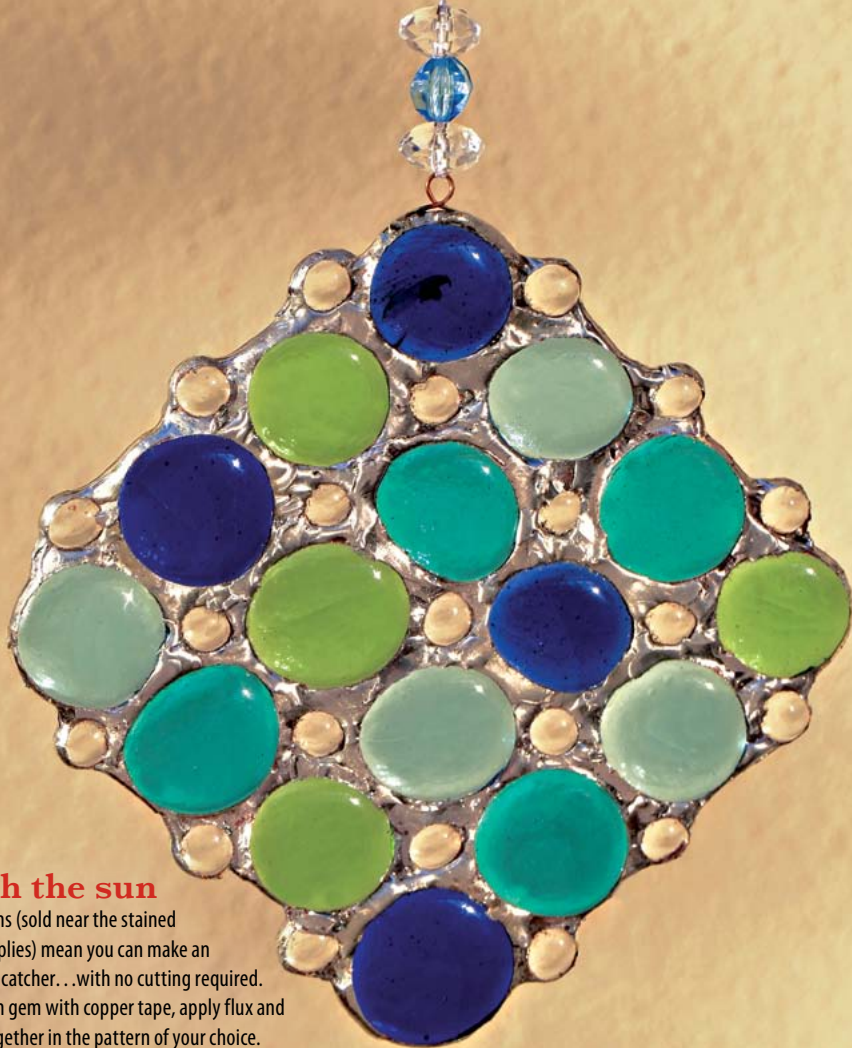


➤ **night sight** Turn a ready-to-embellish nightlight kit (available in the Fabric Department) into gorgeous stained glass decor. Use the template that comes with the kit to help you plan your design before scoring, breaking and soldering the glass. Then remove the self-adhesive shade, and use clear silicone glue to adhere the glass piece to the metal frame.



all heart

Construct this love struck shape in sections. Draw your design, divide it up and cut your glass accordingly. *Tip: To hang your masterpiece, solder on heavy-duty jump rings or loops of sturdy craft wire.*



catch the sun

Glass gems (sold near the stained glass supplies) mean you can make an artsy sun catcher...with no cutting required. Edge each gem with copper tape, apply flux and solder together in the pattern of your choice.





« house proud

This house proud hang-up is an easy “honey do.” That’s because it’s all about straight lines and simple shapes. Solder together the basic structure, and then do the doors and windows—you can affix those with double-sided adhesive or craft glue. Add hand-twisted wire (soldered on) and jute twine to hang. Tip: For added personality, we tied on a group of typewriter-inspired scrapbooking charms.

≈ home sweet hang

When you have the hang of stained glass crafting, you’re gonna want to display your work! We suggest choosing a frame before you begin—you’ll need to measure it before you create your design. When your piece is ready, use clear silicone glue to adhere it to the frame. Apply glue to all four edges of the glass, and be sure to let it dry completely before hanging.



^ shape shifter

Let your abstract instincts lead you to a fun, freestyle sun catcher. Here’s your chance to experiment with curves! Tin the edges of your shapes, and then link them together with wire—you could use bent paperclips—and jump rings, soldered into place. And for ultimate sculptural appeal? Add on artsy twists of hand-beaded jewelry wire.



« flying colors

This stunning pennant banner is oh-so-easy to create. Measure and cut a series of glass triangles. Then tin the edges, and solder a sturdy jump ring to every corner. Add some pretty beads (as shown) and string on a ribbon to complete.



« got your number

Build this piece from the outside in—four equal rectangles for the outside border and a series of smaller equal rectangles for the inside border. Then fill in the center with carefully cut number and background pieces.





« all at sea Go on, make a scene—that's a good thing when it comes to stained glass. And it doesn't have to be difficult. Take the abstract route, piecing together a series of large, easy-to-cut shapes like this sailboat.



diamond display

Intricate patterns require some planning, but don't let that scare you away from making your masterpiece. Here's our method for creating a piece like the one on this panel:

How-To:

1. Draw your design to scale, number each section, and make a copy of your work—you can use tracing paper or a copy machine for that. Then, cut apart one copy, section by section. Set aside the numbered shapes.
2. Place a piece of corkboard on your work surface, and pin the intact copy of the design to the cork.
3. Use the numbered shapes as patterns for scoring individual sections of glass. When you cut out a piece of glass, place it on the design that's pinned to the cork—be sure that the placement corresponds with the number on the pattern piece.
4. When all glass pieces have been cut and arranged on the cork, place straight pins around the edges of the design. This will keep the pieces tightly in place for soldering.
5. Foil, flux and solder the solder the glass.



square one

It's traditional stained glass, and it's so much simpler than it looks. Cut out congruent squares and solder together to create a panel. Then frame as desired. *Tip: Choose your frame first, and use it to dictate the shape and size of your design.*



« here's the buzz

Get a little buggy with spindly limbs and silly antennae—you can use heavy gauge craft wire. Just be sure to apply copper tape and flux to each place you want to solder the wire to the glass.

» top hop

Keep those creature comforts coming with an adorable tree frog! He features three circles of glass—there's no need to worry over perfectly round pieces, since off-the-cuff shapes add character to the overall design. Bring him to life with craft wire and solder.

