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Pair this beautiful background technique with silk screens for a creatively bold statement piece.

MATERIALS

6" Square Clear Transparent Glass Sheet (x2)
GCKIT1 Glass Color Kit 1
GM3002 Glass Medium
PT540 PAPHYROS Kiln Shelf Paper
SM-9050 Soft Slope Bowl Mold
SSB101 Silk Screen Medium
SSBF6 Butterflies Silk Screen

SUPPLIES

Assorted Paintbrushes
Disposable Plate
Painter's Tape
Paint Pots
Palette Knife
Paper Towel
Scissors
Spritzing Bottle
Squeegee

INSTRUCTIONS

Part 1: Silk Screening your Design

1. Cut out the butterfly silk screen of your choice, leaving a wide border around the image. Position onto one 6" clear base, then secure in place with painter's tape.

2. On a hard mixing surface, use a palette knife to mix a spoonful of Silk Screen Medium with a small amount of Glass Medium until you achieve a heavy cream consistency. Start with a few drops of Glass Medium and add a little more at a time.

3. Use the palette knife to spread the mixed paint along one edge of the silk screen. Spread the Silk Screen Medium over the design using a squeegee.

TIP: When spreading the Silk Screen Medium over the design, keep the squeegee positioned perpendicular to the glass surface rather than slanted.

4. Gently lift and remove the silk screen and painter's tape. Immediately rinse the silk screen off to remove any paint. Set glass base aside to dry.

Part 2: Painting your Project

1. Use a palette knife to load paint pots with an assortment of glass colors of your choice.

2. Mix in a small amount of Glass Medium into each paint container until you achieve a thin peanut butter consistency.

3. Once the silk screen design has dried, you can begin filling the design in with color. Choose to paint directly on the silk screen, or flip over the glass piece to paint on the backside.

4. Paint the silk screen design using the assortment of glass paint colors. Use the paintbrush to drop the paint onto the surface, then fill in the desired area. Let dry once complete.

TIP: When painting areas directly next to each other, allow once area to dry before painting the bordering area. If wet, the paint will begin to blend together.

5. Choose at least two colors to paint the background. Place the second 6" base onto a disposable plate and spritz water onto the glass surface.

6. Generously drop each background color onto the damp glass in concentrated areas.

7. Spritz the glass with water again, then use a paintbrush to gently marblize the colors. Blow through a straw to further blend the colors. Add more water for a more transparent look.

8. Allow project to dry completely. Full fuse the two 6" bases together, silk screen design on top, using the 6-segment firing schedule.

9. Once fired, slump project in the Soft Slope Bowl Mold.