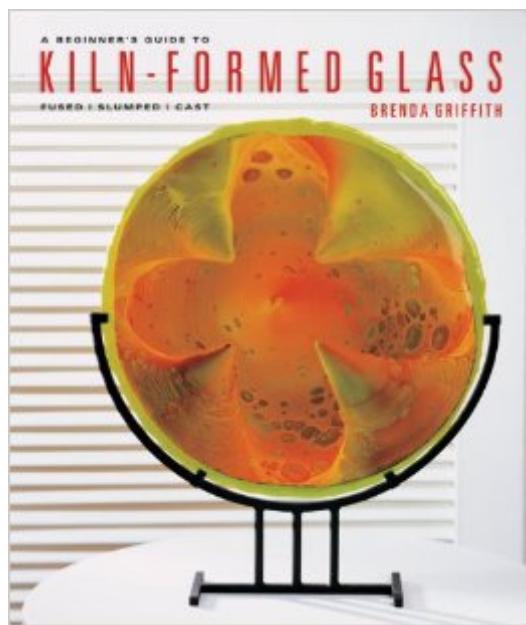


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# A Beginner's Guide To Kiln-Formed Glass: Fused \* Slumped \* Cast



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In paperback at last, this popular guide to kiln-forming glass--melting cut or crushed glass and then shaping it with molds--features 19 beginner-friendly projects. The beautiful and practical items range from home dÃ©cor, including a wall sconce and fountain, to sculpture and jewelry. Award-winning author Brenda Griffith covers all the fundamentals, along with some intermediate and advanced techniques such as pot melting, inclusions, and mold-making, and offers advice on adding decorative surface treatments to the finished piece.

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I love all types of kiln-working, especially fusing and slumping. I also collect books on kiln forming glass. So I have read quite a few. One reason I collect them is because there is something missing from one that may be found in another. Or perhaps one author advocates this technique, while another may support that technique. Frequently some aspect I am looking for isn't there at all and in some cases I wasn't able to find it in any of my books. So, imagine my surprise when I cracked open this book and found that it is wonderfully complete and beautifully illustrated! Brenda covers everything that a beginner needs to know. Frankly, I spent a couple of semesters in a college kiln forming class, and I learned things in a few minutes of scanning this book that I did not learn in class! Just to briefly mention several, but by no means all, of the topics she has touched on in this book, you will find information on setting up a studio, types of glass, tools you'll need and how to use them. There is a fusing chart that shows the stages the glass goes through during the process. She explains the need for kiln wash and how to best apply it. How to use fiber paper, how to prepare a mold. She talks about sandblasting, glass etching, using an airbrush. She also covers

common problems such as cracking, devitrification, and unwanted bubbles in the glass. It is all there. In fact, I don't really understand how she got it all in there in a book this size. For all the information it has, you would expect it to have double the pages! And that's not nearly all. There are projects. Whoa, Mama! Talk about some astonishing projects! If this is beginner stuff, then I am less than a beginner and I have been fusing for over a year already.

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