

Spring Oleadow Soap Dish Outorial by Catic Callery

Materials Needed

- GM77 Soap Dish
- 2" x 4" Piece of COE96 Clear Scrap
- COE96 Medium Clear Frit
- COE96 Medium Sky Blue Transparent Frit
- COE96 Coarse Sunflower Opal Frit
- Assorted COE96 Murrini
- Glue or Hair Spray
- ZYP Glass Separator

Tip: Weigh your mold before adding glass so you can determine if you've added enough glass before firing



Using the piece of clear scrap, design the center of the dish using the assorted murrini. This allows the murrini to remain in place once frit is added. As you design, add a small amount of hair spray or glue to keep the murrini fixed to the glass.



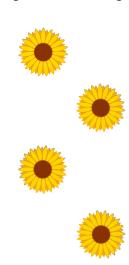
Once your design is complete, allow it to dry overnight or for at least 4-6 hours. Then place it in a GM77 that has been treated with ZYP (Glass Separator).



Keep in mind you're working from the back of the design! Whatever is facing the bottom of the mold will be facing the front of the finished soap dish. If your design is detailed, you may need to flip it. In this case, flowers look good on either side!



Arrange additional murrini elements to the sides of the dish as desired.



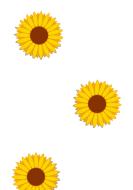




















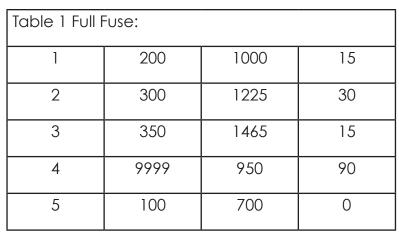


Now is a good time to check total weight. This particular mold weighs 398g, so weighing it now shows that 47g of glass has been added.

The suggested mold weight is 250g, so the target combined weight for this specific mold is 648g.



Time to weigh! The filled mold here weighs 609g, which means more glass is needed to reach the fill weight.





Combine 110g Medium Clear Frit, 20g Medium Sky Blue Transparent Frit, and 10g of Coarse Sunflower Opal in a container and mix well for the desired transparent look.

Pour the mix around the sides of the mold, adding murrini as desired.
Continue adding the remainder of the mix over the top.



Add more Medium Clear Frit to reach the desired fill weight.

Fire according to the schedule in Table 1 or your favorite Full Fuse schedule for your kiln.



The GM77 mold and the technique found in this tutorial can be used with a variety of colors and murrini as shown above.