Birthstone Beads Creative Paradise Inc.

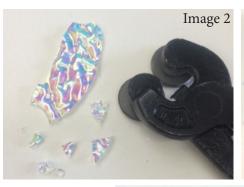
Learn how to create beautiful birthstone beads using frit, dichro and Creative Paradise, Inc. jewelry molds!

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January January	Garnet-Healing and strength. Frit: Cherry Red.			
Februar	Y Amethyst-Spiritual Upliftment. Frit: Pale Purple and Dichro.			
March March	Aquamarine-Foresight and Courage. Frit: Sky Blue , Sea Green and Dichro.			
April	Diamond-Purity and Peace. Frit: Clear and Dichro.			
May	Emerald-Memory and Clairvoyance. Frit: Light Green and Dichro.			
June	Pearl or Moon Stone-Passion and Abundance. Moon stone frit: Dichro and Sapphire. Pearl frit: Opaque White and Dichro- placed on top of white with Dichro side up.			
July	Ruby-Eroticism and Energy. Frit: 2 parts Light Cherry Red and 1 part Yellow and Dichro.			
August	Peridot- Relaxation and Positivity. Frit: 2 parts Citron, 2 parts Yellow and 1 part Light Green and Dichro.			
Septemb	er Sapphire- Enlightenment and Peace. Frit: 2 parts Navy, 1 part Sky Blue and Dichro.			
October October	Opal or Tourmaline- Inner Beauty or Creativity. Frit for Opal: White with Dichro placed Dichro side down on top of White frit. Frit for Tourmaline:2 parts Sapphire, 2 parts Citron, 1 part Pale Purple and Dichro.			
Novemb	Yellow Topaz- Mental Health and Long Life. Frit: 2 parts Yellow, 1 part Pale Amber and Dichro.			
December	Blue Topaz- Protection and Long Life. Frit: Blue Topaz and Dichro.			

Make a Birthstone Bracelet!











In this example the Birthstones created are for

April: Clear Dichro and F3 Clear, October: Clear Dichro, F3 Sapphire, Citron and Pale Purple, and December: Clear Dichro and F3 Blue Topaz. The mold used is LF45, all frit is F3 and all Dichro is Clear.

Step 1: Spray your mold with ZYP glass separator, spray in a well ventilated area wearing a respirator mask.

Step 2: Fill up your mold cavities with different frit and Dichro depending on the birth month (image 1): For April: Using a mosaic nipper nip up little pieces of Clear Dichroic glass (image 2). Place them into the selected cavities. Use a small spoon to cover the dichro in the cavities with F3 Clear frit.

For October: Mix some Clear Dichro, F3 Sapphire, Citron and Pale Purple together in a small cup. Using a small spoon gently fill the selected cavities covering the Dichro.

For December: Place a Clear Dichro piece in each of Decembers mold cavities. Use a small spoon to fill the selected cavities up with F3 Blue Topaz.

Step 3:Use a paintbrush to gently sweep the frit away from the sides of the mold so that they are mounded in the middle. This will prevent burrs from happening (image 3).

Step 4: Place the mold in your kiln and fire using the recommended schedule in table 1*.

Step 5: When your beads have cooled down wash them. Apply E600 Glue to the flat side of the birthstones and press them down onto the links on the bracelet (image 4) and let it dry completley before using. The bracelet pictured here is called a Silver Round Disc Bracelet and can be found wherever you buy your glass supplies.

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Table 1.* Fuse Schedule				
Segment	Rate	Temp	Hold	
1	275	1215	45	
2	275	1465	05	
3	9999	950	60	

* Before you fire in your kiln please read our important firing notes by clicking here.

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