



Project Guide



BasketWeave ■ decorative platter

Glass Cutting: **simple, straight cuts**

Firings: **full** or **contour fuse, slump**

Step-by-Step

1. Build this platter directly on a kilnshelf covered with Thin-fire paper since it has no solid base layer.
2. Select your slumping mold and measure. For a 12" square platter, use glass quantities at right.

For other mold sizes, add length+width of your mold and select that quantity of Strips in your chosen color palette. (An 8x8" platter = 16 Strips; a 10x12 platter = 22 strips).

3. For 12" square platter, use full-length Strips. For other mold shapes, cut Strips to the measurements of your mold. Remember there will be two different Strip lengths for a rectangular mold.

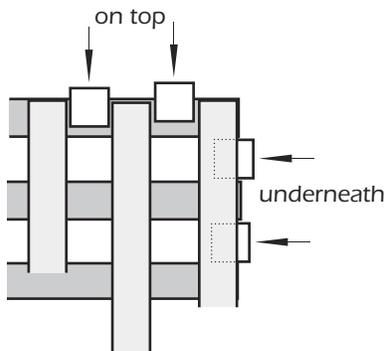
4. Using one Strip as a guide, place parallel Strips alongside, leaving about 1/2" between each strip. Even-out the spacing and mix the colors any way you like.



5. Place a pinpoint of glue 1/4" from the right side of each parallel Strip, and carefully place your guide Strip on top. Repeat on the left side, adding another Strip on top.

6. Evenly space the remaining Strips between the two side Strips, using pinpoints of glue in several spots to secure each one.

7. All around the perimeter, wedge a clear Chip into the spaces between each Strip:



Materials We Used

Strips: For a 12" square platter, select 24 strips in the color palette of your choice.

Example: 8 each violet, sky blue, pale purple, pale blue.

Chips: 44 clear

Note:

Chips = 1/2" glass squares

Strips = 1/2 x 12" glass strips

Keys to Success

This project benefits from the synergy of **transparent** colors: wherever colors cross, a third color is created.

A **Contour Fuse** will meld the separate Strips together nicely. A **Full Fuse** will "magically" create a network of empty circles, due to the tendency of glass to round when melted.