

Project Guide

Making Faces

Glass Cutting: **limited or no cutting**

Firings: **tack or contour fuse**

Step-by-Step

Faces can be self-hanging, sun-catchers/ wall décor — or fuse them into plates or tiles. This is a wonderful group project — the more the merrier. Invite families to create individual self-portraits – hang separately or fuse them together on a single platter. Have scout troops make their favorite forest animals, birthday celebrants make & take home their own bright face under a permanent birthday crown. immortalize a favorite celebrity or cartoon character in glass. Fire up that imagination and get started!

IMPORTANT: There *must be two layers* of glass used to join the parts of your face to ensure that everything fuses together. If making a single-layer project, *overlap* the glass pieces (one on top of the other) to create ears, hats, ties, collars, etc. that extend beyond your basic face shape. (You can place parts side-by-side only if you are doing so on top of a base layer.)

Ideas:

Hair: Create “hair” from glass components or embedded wire. After firing, you can string wire with beads, add ribbons, yarn, feathers—you name it!

Eyes: Pebbles, Rod Dots, cut glass, bent Stringer.

Mouth: Pebble(s), Wavy Sticks, Stringer, Noodle, cut glass

Nose: Contrasting color of glass, Stringer outline, small nips or coarse Frit for nostrils

Accessories: dress up your face with a hat, bow tie, collar or earrings! Medium Frit makes perfect freckles. Glassline Paint can help create beauty marks, eyeliner and eyelashes.

To Display: Embed a wire hanging hook (or multiple hooks), attach a metal “stand off” for wall mounting, or place in a tabletop stand or easel.

