

⊕ Quick Tip: Glimmering, Shimmering Irids



GOLD AND SILVER IRID + CLEAR POWDER = SHIMMERING GLASS

In the tiles shown above, powdered and exposed irid surfaces catch and reflect light differently, producing subtle glimmering effects. To make the tiles, we sifted Clear powder (001101-0008) onto Silver (000100-0037) and Gold (000100-0038) iridized sheet glass, using bits of foliage as stencils. If you try the method, select foliage that's flat and rigid enough to support some powder, then adhere tabs made of tape so you can remove the stencil without spilling. Elevate the sheet glass slightly on blocks for ease of moving to the kiln later on. Position the stencil and, wearing your NIOSH approved respirator, sift on a uniform layer of powder, about 1/16 inch (1.5 mm) thick. For even dispersal, try holding the sifter 14-16 inches above the sheet glass. Grasp the handle firmly in one hand with thumb and finger near the hopper, and tap the end of the handle using your other hand. When finished, carefully remove the stencil and place the piece on top of a 3mm base sheet. Fire to a full fuse.

