

Stained Glass News™

Information & Ideas for the Stained Glass Hobbyist



Blooming Lily

Lilies come in a wide variety of colors, so let your imagination soar with this pattern. Choosing glass with unique color variations will make the flower come to life. Your background glass can represent the land or sky or it can contrast or complement the flower. The pattern for this project is available only from the supplier who provided you with *Stained Glass News*. Ask for your copy.

Welcome to Issue #53...

As you are most likely aware, lists seem to be a popular cultural phenomenon. You see them everywhere you look: "Best of" lists, "Top 10" lists, "Desert Island" lists... and the list of lists goes on.

A list that caught our attention recently was one that featured the top trends in home decorating. These trends are thought to be influencing people's choices in not only home decor, but also fashion, furniture and **arts and crafts!** These last words were, not surprisingly, the ones that enticed us to keep reading.

Now you're probably wondering what these trends are. Well, they range from colors (red is a hot color at the moment) to materials (metals and metallics) to styles ("shabby chic"... we're not sure we know what this is). And a few of the trends can even be applied to our favorite hobby of glass crafts. In fact, we noticed that several of the new

pattern books and glass colors that you'll read about in this issue of SGN tie in closely with some of today's hottest trends. For example...

• **Bringing the outside in:** you'll find examples of this in the new books *Garden Variety*, *Gifts for the Garden*, *Garden Art*, *More Snow*, *Snowflakes II* and *Tubie Rooters II*.

• **New neutrals and naturals:** this is exemplified by a number of new glass colors (pages 6 and 7).

• **Ethnic heritage:** look at the books *Masks* and *Tribal Art*.

• **Fun, colorful images:** the *Aanraku* books and *Realistic Tropical Fish* fill the bill here.

Need some ideas for a "trendy" glass project? Look no further than your supplier's shelves this fall! And to get a preview of what's arriving in stores, start flipping through the pages of this issue. There are more new items to look at than we've seen in a long time. Have fun!

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"This panel is based on a project I'm working on at Stanford University (I'm a physicist there) in conjunction with NASA. It is a gamma-ray telescope, called GLAST, in the series of space telescopes with Hubble and Chandra. It detects the highest energy gamma rays. We hope it will tell us about the most energetic happenings in the universe. Good fun! The artwork is from the cover of our Science Brochure—the white band is the Milky Way. I wanted to see if I could make something in glass representative of my work."

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