

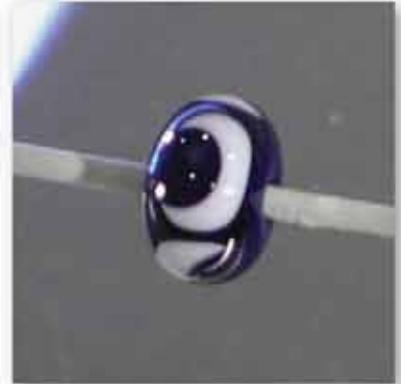
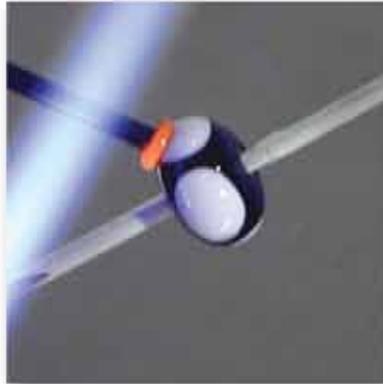
Dot Your I's & O's: Masking or Overlay Technique



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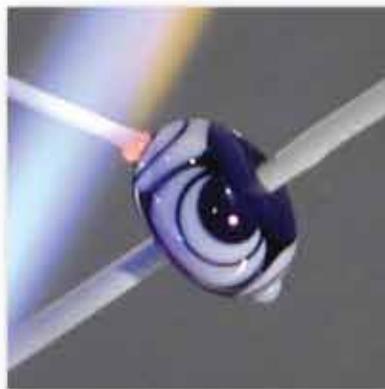
Simply put, masking creates patterns using nothing but dots on top of dots. The patterns can be as simple as a crescent shape, or can become increasingly intricate with each dot added.

1. For example, if you place white dots on a black bead, and melt them in, you will have a simple circle. Next, place a black dot halfway on the white circle and halfway on the black background.



2. Melt it in gently. Now you should have a crescent shape.

This can be repeated with as many layers as you wish. Complex patterns can be built up. Generally, it is easier to start with bigger dots and progress to smaller and smaller dots, no matter your final pattern.



“ I find it fascinating that one of the ways to make sharp and angular shapes with glass is to use round dots. ”



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