

# ONE PERSON'S TRASH

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Christmas season is the perfect opportunity for all of us to make some money and at the same time, take on that much procrastinated studio clean-up. Ornaments come in so many shapes and sizes. They can be solid or blown, long, tall, short, squat. It doesn't really matter.

So go ahead, grab the broom, mop and respirator and get that studio clean. As you go through your studio, keep your creative mind open to what ornament possibilities you may have with all the scrap your sifting through. Latticino ends and pulled handles make awesome icicles. The ends of tube pulls make awesome ornaments or patch them onto a clear gather.

We put together a few examples of what we do with our scrap glass. These make great gifts for the holidays or help get you ready for the Christmas bazaar So go melt some glass and Happy Holidays!!!



LATTICINO  
ICICLE



Choose a nice cane end. This particular piece of latticino was ruby and blue moon.



Punt up to the latticino and clean off excess glass. Attach a punt on the other end.



Stretch and twist the cane to form a more elegant icicle.

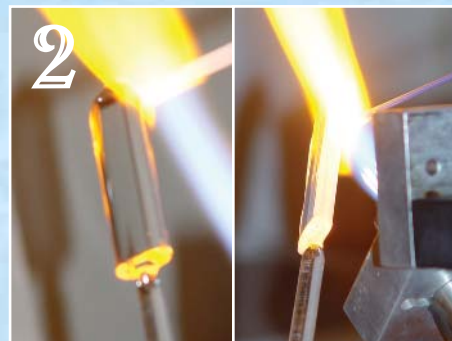


Using a complimenting color, form a nice hook clasp and ream it open

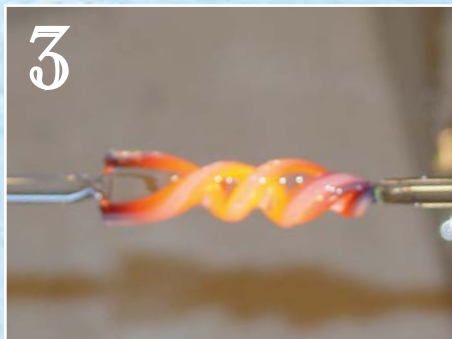
## DICHO TWIST ICICLE



1 I gathered up some encased dichro cane, stringers and flat, clear rod.



2 Attach a handle to the flat, clear rod. Stripe encased dichro on the edges of the flat clear. Then outline with color stringers.



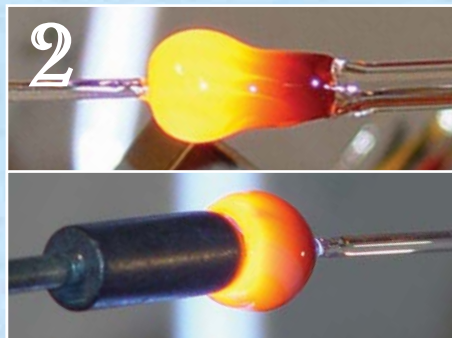
3 Attach a punty to the other side of the flat rod. Build a soft heat base and apply a gentle twist to the cane.



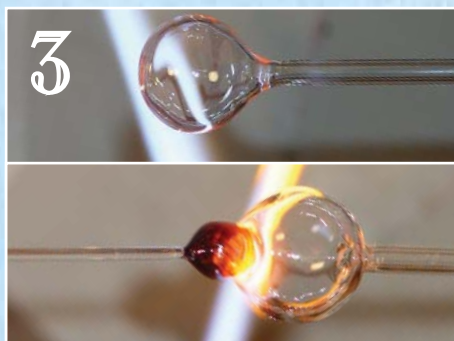
4 Clean up the ends and form a nice loop clasp.



1 Collect any tube scraps and leftover color tubing.



2 Twist or wig-wag the colored tubing. Blow out to an even wall thickness. Then open up the end and flare.



3 Blow out a nice clear bubble. Open up the end and flare to the same size as the colored tubing. Attach together with a precise flame.



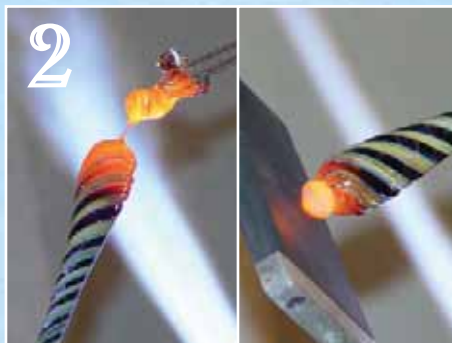
4 Blow out a nice clean shape. Blow out the encalmo a few times. Detach blowtube, punty 90° from your blowtube and attach hook clasp. Finis



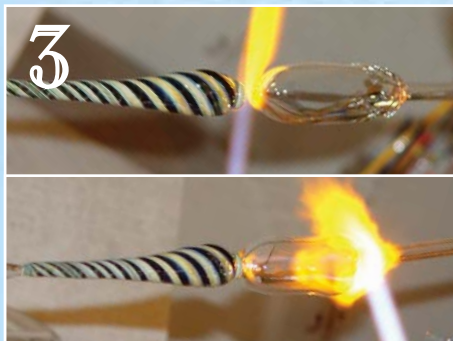




Use a larger latticino piece and scrap piece of 38mm heavy wall to make a nice tree topper.



Clean up the scrap latticino and attach a color bit for the avolio. Marver to a centered point.



Attach the piece of tubing to the latticino. Blow out the heavy wall to an appropriate size for the tree topper.



Open up the tubing and flare it slightly so that it will slide nicely onto the tree.



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