

# How To... Textured Bowl with Rods

*In this project glass rods are used to create a textured bowl, demonstrating that you do not necessarily need colour to create an interesting and beautiful piece.*

## You will need:

16 x Bullseye Clear Rods  
(1101)  
20cm Mould (such as 8136)  
Mosaic Cutters  
Kiln Wash (Shelf Primer)  
Kiln and Kiln Shelf

## Tips:

*This project works best with a simple shallow curved mould such as 8136.*

*This piece uses clear rods but you can use any colour of fusible (F-Grade) Bullseye rod.*

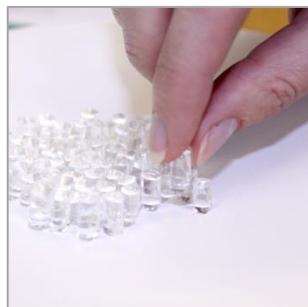
*It is important to make sure all the glass pieces are touching before you fire to ensure they all tack together securely in the kiln. Fusers Glue is not required.*



*Use texture to bring out the natural interplay between light and glass.*

## To make a textured rod bowl:

1. Choose your rods you will need around 16 rods for a 20cm diameter circle.
2. Use mosaic nippers to chop the rods into small lengths between 3mm-7mm; using a variety of lengths will create more texture.
3. Prime and dry your mould.
4. Starting from the centre of your mould place your chopped rods on end side by side; make sure they are all touching.
5. Once you have covered your mould with your chopped rod pieces place in the kiln and fire using the schedule below.



## Firing Schedule (run time: 12 hours):

Segment	Rate (Degrees/hour)	Temperature	Hold
Segment 1	222°C (400°F)	677°C (1250°F)	30 minutes
Segment 2	333°C (600°F)	750°C (1480°F)	10 minutes
Segment 3	999°C (AFAP)	482°C (900°F)	130 minutes
Segment 4	83°C (150°F)	371°C (700°F)	End

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