

Rainbow Gems



Here's something fairly quick to make and it gives you the ability to be as creative as you want.

All you need are bevels (diamond or square), glass nuggets, Curly Q Hangers, copper foil and solder.



Curly Q hangers are available at numerous stained glass suppliers. I get mine from Warner Stained Glass. I've tried to make my own, but getting 2 to look the same was nearly impossible, and just making one took much more work than I cared to put in to a project.

The basics of making rainbow gems is to lay out your bevel, place glass nuggets and curly q's around it until you have a pattern that pleases you. At that point I take a picture so I can put it back together when I'm done foiling. Then you foil the bevel and the nuggets, put it back together and solder it. Add a jump ring to the top, wash, patina if you want to, polish and hang it up. You can embellish it with hanging crystals or anything else you think would add to it's uniqueness. They are fun to make and everyone loves them.

Here are a few I have made:

