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Heart Happy Glass: Sharing an Old-World Craft with Community

My name is Heather Hutchinson, and I am the artist and teacher behind Heart Happy Glass. I first discovered stained glass over 20 years ago in a high school shop class, and it immediately captured my imagination. After spending more than 15 years in the medical field, I felt called to return to glass permanently – a decision that has allowed me to reconnect with my creativity and share it with others.



At its core, Heart Happy Glass is about more than making art – it's about education and community. In my studio in Colville, WA, I teach stained glass classes, offer retail glass and supplies, and provide a space where students and makers can explore their creativity. I also travel to teach workshops at libraries, markets, and community events, introducing new people to this old-world craft.

Stained glass is what I love because it's both an art and a transformation. To start with an idea, curate a beautiful variance of glass that matches your vision, then carefully break them apart, and mend them back together into something entirely new – it's like creating light itself. Watching students experience that same wonder is one of the most rewarding parts of my work.



Community giving is also central to my mission. I regularly donate stained glass pieces to support causes close to my heart: local libraries, auctions that support education, and to fundraisers that benefit the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. For me, stained glass is a way to bring light not only into homes and studios, but also into the community itself.

Heart Happy Glass is more than a studio – it's a vision of keeping this old-world art alive, empowering others to create, and giving back through beauty, creativity, and connection.

Please enjoy this free download of one of my most beloved patterns, the Bride of Frankenstein. My vision for this pattern was to see her created using a variety of transparent colored glass. To not only have the piece itself look stunning, but her reaction to reflect her beauty as well.

— Heather



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