

## Quick Tip: Kilncarved Billet



Create a textured block of glass using ceramic fiber paper and the right amount of heat! Almost any shape is possible: letters, numbers and more.

**DESIGN WITH TEXTURE**: In the kiln, the billet conforms to your fiber paper design. Note that the glass will take on the texture of the fiber paper and the kiln shelf.

**color considerations**: Any billet will work, even Curious billets. Lighter saturation styles are a good choice to display with the smooth side facing out.



Plan a design based on the billet dimensions, approximately  $10^{\circ} \times 5^{\circ} \times 0.75^{\circ}$  (127 × 254 × 19 mm).



To make this design, we started with an image on paper and cut it out to make a stencil.



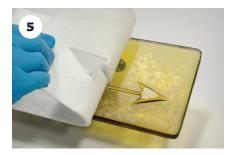
Trace the design onto 1/8" Fiber Paper (7036) and cut it out using an X-Acto knife. For a raised design, oversize the fiber paper by 0.5" on each side to keep the billet from flowing over the edge.



Arrange the fiber paper on a primed kilnshelf. Clean the billet and load it on the fiber paper. Fire with the schedule below.

RATE	TEMP	HOLD
150°F (83°C)	1000°F (538°C)	0:30*
600°F (333°C)	1375°F (746°C)	0:10
AFAP	900°F (482°C)	3:00
45°F (25°C)	800°F (427°C)	0:00
81°F (45°C)	700°F (371°C)	0:00
270°F (150°C)	70°F (21°C)	0:00

<sup>\*</sup>For color development in gold-bearing styles (1823, 1824, 1831), we recommend a 2:00 hold at  $1225^{\circ}F$  (663°C).



Be sure to wear respiratory protection as you peel away the fiber paper. Remove any residue with a scrub pad or nylon brush and water.

**IMAGE AT THE TOP**: A kilncarved billet in a Wall-mounted Glass Bracket (8619). Kilncarving results in various thicknesses, so you may need to add Bumpons (8402) for a better fit.

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