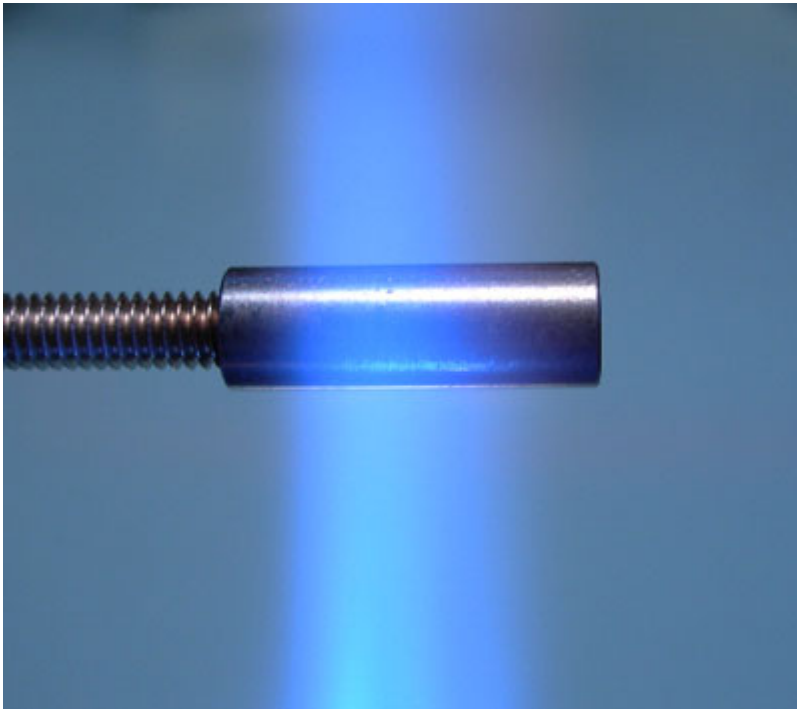


ZooziKnob Press Tutorial

Screw your insert onto the mandrel.



Heat the insert as you would to prepare to apply the glass to a regular mandrel. Concentrate the heat on the insert, not the mandrel.



Wind glass around the insert. Leave a small space at the end of the insert where the mandrel is connected. You do not want the glass to end up touching the mandrel. If you leave the space, when you press the glass should fill in, right up to the edge of the insert without spilling over.

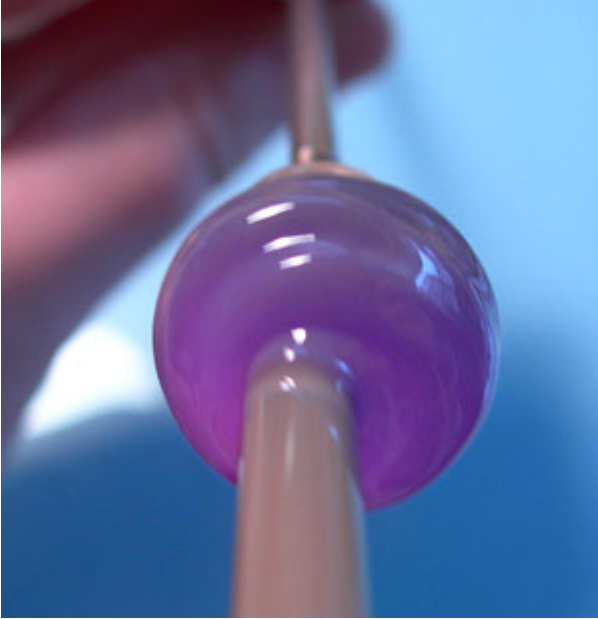


Heat the footprint, and then use the bottom of your press to form the tube. Heat again and press. Using the bottom of the press as a shaper allows you more control over your glass to be sure you have the right amount and to be sure you do not press the glass over the edge of the insert. Pressing after you shape insures the tube is centered and it gives you a nice dent where the knob begins. You will use this as a guide for laying the rest of the glass.



Add glass to the end of the tube where the knob will be formed. I use the ridge that was formed during pressing to know where the glass needs to start. You are done forming the tube so you do not want any more glass in that area.

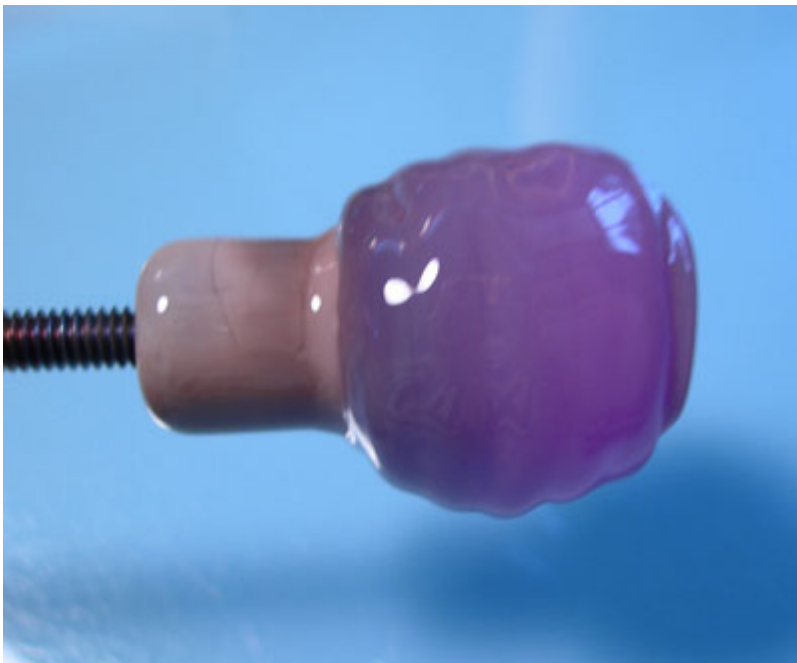
I build out and then around the front to fill in any holes that are forming on the tip. I actually tip the rod around to the end then fire cut it off.



After you have the knob built out far enough, which you can gauge by using the bottom of your press as a guide...



You will then start to build out. The rounder you keep this part the easier it is to tell if you have enough glass. I just wind glass around the base that I made already until I have enough glass. Then I heat the blob and press





Fire polish and decorate as desired. If you want to have melted in decorations you can repress after you are done decorating. I recommend getting an initial press in before decorating so you know that you have the right amount of glass, and it's properly centered.

