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I have always loved color & working with my hands. To me art is a relaxing hobby. It is something that I enjoy in my time away from work or family. Luckily my friends & family also enjoy my art, as it is generally their Birthday & Christmas presents.



I have enjoyed taking a variety of art classes such as basketry, pottery, quilting & stained glass. I have found that I have enjoyed fused glass the most. Fused glass is a multiple step process that allows you to combine color & form into a usable piece of artwork.

The process of fused glass an intricate layering process. You begin with an empty sheet of glass. By intricate cutting & layering of glass, you will have a jumble of glass ready for the kiln. The kiln fuses the glass pieces together with its intense heat. You may have multiple firing & multiple layerings of glass before you actually form your final piece. The final firing drapes or molds the piece into the desired shape. Once cool, the glass may be sanded, buffed & polished.

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In general, the more colorful the piece is the more expensive it is, due to multiple layering of colors. When glittery glass or hues of red are used, that is the most expensive glass available, which will make the prices of those pieces higher.

Fused glass is food safe. Please hand wash with warm soapy water, rinse & towel dry before first use. Fused dishes are best as serving pieces, flower vases, votive holders or as decoration. Please do not cook or microwave in them. Please do not put them



in the dishwasher. As is true with most glass, fused glass prefers even temperatures & may shatter with extreme temperature fluctuations.

I am honored that Weems Gallery enjoys my fused glass & I am excited about being able to create glass pieces for you to enjoy. Thank you.