

# Quick Tip: Raise the Bar on Your Soap Dish



Add an accent color—and functionality—to your new soap dish with a little help from Bullseye fusible rods! We paired Robin’s Egg Blue Opalescent with Driftwood Gray rod, but you could use any combination.

**Step 1.** Fuse a 10.5 × 15.5 cm piece of Robin’s Egg Blue on a base of 3mm Clear.

**Step 2.** Tack fuse texture with Driftwood Gray rods—choose from two ways:

Rods for dots

- Make dots by snipping rod into 8-10mm lengths, standing the pieces on end on either a primed shelf or ThinFire (which we especially like for opals). Fire as fast as possible to 1500°F (816°C) for 20 minutes and crash cool.
- Clean and arrange dots in the center of the fused blank.
- We tack fused this piece at 1375°F. Remember to anneal for twice the thickness of the thickest area, following the Annealing Thick Slabs chart.

Rods for ridges

- Cut lengths of rod and arrange them on the blank. Use Glastac Gel sparingly.
- We tack fused this piece at 1400°F, again with an annealing cycle for twice the thickness of the thickest area. This higher temperature softens the cut ends of the rod and tacks them securely to the base.

**Step 3.** Slump into Soap Dish Mold (8981). The heatwork of this slump firing maintains the tack-fused texture. Again, we anneal for twice the thickness of the thickest area.

## Suggested Firing Schedules

### FULL FUSE

	Rate (Degrees/Hour)	Temperature	Hold
1	400°F (222°C)	1225°F (663°C)	:45
2	600°F (333°C)	1490°F (810°C)	:10
3	AFAP*	900°F (482°C)	1:00
4	100°F (55°C)	700°F (371°C)	:00
5	AFAP	70°F (21°C)	:00

\*As fast as possible

### TACK FUSE TEXTURE

	Rate (Degrees/Hour)	Temperature	Hold
1	300°F (167°C)	†	:10
2	AFAP	900°F (482°C)	3:00
3	45°F (25°C)	800°F (427°C)	:00
4	81°F (45°C)	700°F (371°C)	:00
5	270°F (150°C)	70°F (21°C)	:00

†1375°F or 1400°F (746° or 760°C)

### SLUMP (SOAP DISH MOLD)

	Rate (Degrees/Hour)	Temperature	Hold
1	300°F (167°C)	1215°F (657°C)	1:00
2	AFAP	900°F (482°C)	3:00
3	45°F (25°C)	800°F (427°C)	:00
4	81°F (45°C)	700°F (371°C)	:00
5	270°F (150°C)	70°F (21°C)	:00

### Supplies

- Robin’s Egg Blue, Double-rolled (000161-0030-F)
- Clear, Double-rolled (001101-0030-F)
- Driftwood Gray Rod (000132-0576-F)
- Soap Dish Mold (8981)

