

## The Trimlett Twister Tool

Yes, there are lots of choices when it comes to tools for making twists, stringers and doing off-mandrel work. Having spent thousands of hours making this type of work, I finally created a tool that works for me and am excited to share it with you.

Like any other new tool, it will take some practice. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- - Heather

## A little bit about Heather



In case you were wondering...

### A Bit about Me

I have been working with glass for more than 30 years and for 20 of them I have been making beads. I am happy to say that I am still excited about working on the torch!

### My Tools

I'm always looking for an easier way to do things as I work. I have designed a series of tools to help me do that. My other tools include the Round-up Tool & the Big Round-up Tool and I have more in the works.

### My Tutorials

Teaching others to make beads is a big part of what I do. I've had the opportunity to teach lots of students but I cannot possibly teach everyone who wants to learn - one of the reasons I have created my tutorials.



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Set designed by  
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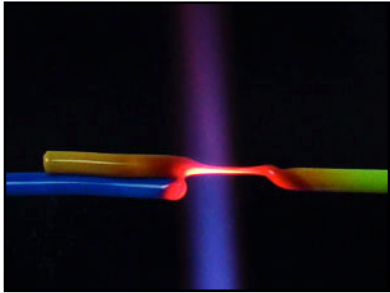
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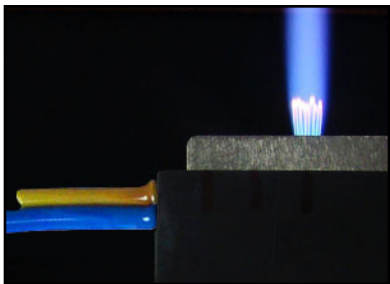
## Trimlett Twister Tool Quick Start Guide

Quick steps to get twisting with the Trimlett Twister Tool.

1. Attach two (or more) colors of glass together.



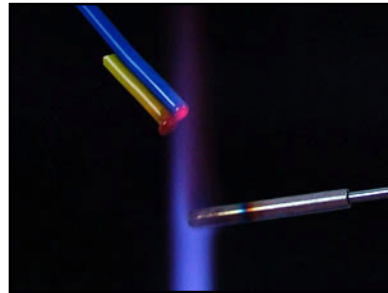
2. Make the ends of the stack neat and tidy.



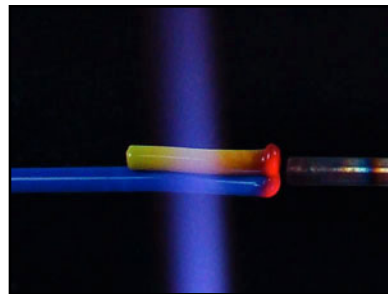
### TIP:

Pay close attention to the heat in your glass as well as the heat in the Trimlett Twister Tool. You want the heat even in the glass and you want the tool to be warm as well. The heat in the tool will help prevent the dreaded “dog-bone”.

3. Heat the end of the stack and the end of the Trimlett Twister Tool.



4. Touch the Trimlett Twister Tool to the end of the stack. Be sure to center it between the layers of glass so that it catches each color.



Be careful not to bury the Trimlett Twister Tool in the glass...just touch it to the end of the stack.

5. Repeat for the other side.

6. TWIST! \*\*

Trimlett Twister Tool set contains:

- 2 stainless steel Twister Tools - one for each hand (these act as punties for making the twist)
- One Brass Pusher Tool (to help join your ends when you apply the twist to a bead or for any other time you need to push or tuck some hot glass)

Trimlett Twister Tool advantages:

- Rubber covered handles for a non-skid grip.
- Heavy metal holds more heat.
- Works great for off-mandrel work like marbles and buttons!
- It's pretty & functional! The bead at the end is lovely (made by Heather) and works as a counter balance for more comfort.

\*\* For more twisting tricks & magic my **TWISTS! tutorial** leads you step-by-step through how to make twists & apply them to your beads and make your twist ends match. It is available on my website.  
[www.heathertrimlett.com/twists](http://www.heathertrimlett.com/twists)