

Double Helix - Triton - COE 104



Triton is a phenomenal color for adding metallic accents to your beads. It's super easy to work with, and you can use it with a Hot Head torch! Use it as a stringer on any color base bead. Leave the stringer raised or melt it flat, let your bead cool for a few seconds, then hit it with 2-3 seconds of a reducing flame. The Triton will immediately form a silver metallic coating. Reduce it longer to bring out pearly greens and bronzes. Encasing will make most of the metallic color disappear, but you'll keep the swirly effect. A little bit goes a long way, especially if you're making it into stringers. All of the demo beads here were made using less than half of one rod. Hot Head Instructions: make your base bead, and then apply the Triton with your bead further out in the flame (about 5-7" from the torch head). The glass will flow much slower, but you won't over-reduce it that way. When you have your bead shaped the way you want it, remove it from the flame, let it cool until there is no glow left, and then 'dance' it in and out of the flame near the tip of the inner blue flame a few times until you get the results you want. Triton starts blue, then gets a nice silver metallic coating on it with a little reduction, and with more reduction, it will start to get metallic greens, and then satiny green and bronze colors. Encase it for a nice mother-of-pearl look. Have fun playing!

- The beads shown, from top to bottom (made on a Carlisle miniCC): 1. Stringer over black bead, reduced for 3 seconds. 2. Stringer over clear bead, reduced for 10 seconds. 3. Black base bead, triton rod swirled on top, reduced for 3 seconds. 4. Copper Green base bead with triton stringer, reduced for 3 seconds. 5. Same as 4, but with some clear randomly over the top. 6-8. Made a twisty with copper green and Triton, and put it over black (6), black with clear randomly over the top (7), light grey base (8), and reduced. 9. Triton and clear twisty, over white, reduced. 10-12. Made a Triton/White twisty, over white, not reduced (10); over copper green, not reduced (11), over copper green, reduced (12).