

Stained Glass Care & Information

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Stained glass is a fragile, yet durable, long-lasting medium when properly made and cared for that should always be handled with care.

Stained Glass General Information:

Stained glass sheets often contain natural imperfections such as (but not limited to) air bubbles, lines, creases, dents, and other characteristics that are not imperfections but instead very common in the process of making the glass. These natural imperfections cannot be avoided. Also note that vintage and reclaimed glass sometimes contains blemishes or small scratches.

Over time, the metals and finishes used in stained glass tend to naturally oxidize over time and some dimming of the patina is normal. This is a natural occurrence.

Please know that colors you see on your device(s) may vary slightly from those of the actual piece due to the variations in screen settings. Glass can be hard to capture accurately in photos and may sometimes look a little different in person and in various lighting.

Cleaning:

To clean your piece, use a microfiber cloth and glass polish to gently buff the glass and solder lines to a shine. DO USE a cleaner that's pH-neutral, non-abrasive, and free of ammonia and vinegar. To clean along the solder lines and in corners of the glass, use a cotton swab. Always be sure to dry the glass with a clean, dry (non-abrasive) cloth.

DO NOT use any harsh chemicals or household cleaners on stained glass pieces, especially on pieces with hand-painted (non-kiln fired) details as this can cause permanent damage to the piece. This includes ammonia-based, acid-based (vinegar), caustic, or abrasive cleaners and ANY type of abrasives or scouring materials. Do not use high pressure equipment to clean stained glass. Note that the damage that can be done to the stained glass by these products and methods is irreversible!

Safety

Unless otherwise explicitly labeled as "lead-free", stained glass works contain lead. Finished stained glass pieces are perfectly safe to keep in your home. Always wash your hands after handling your piece and keep stained glass works out of reach of children.

Hanging your piece (if applicable)

None of This is Cake offers a Hang Your Glass! Pack, which contains various hanging devices:

<https://noneofthisiscake.com/shop/ols/products/hang-your-glass-pack>

Note that I do NOT recommend suction cups under any circumstances as they are unreliable and not worth the risk of breaking the glass piece.