

Important guidelines for using the molding presses:

1. First, draw the width of the desired shape with a pencil onto the pre-heated bead release.
(a high-quality bead release is very important! I use Sludge Blue.)
2. Depending on the shape, wind up enough glass. If in doubt, better use too little than too much.
3. The first pressing: Before applying pressure, make sure that the mandrel is resting in the mandrel hole straightly. Let go of the mandrel while applying pressure.
4. Continue winding up (a bit) more glass. **Important:** Always apply glass onto the surfaces that touch the press, never apply on the sides!
5. Heat up the glass around the mandrel just enough for it to become soft and formable.
It mustn't be too hot, if it flows, it's too hot already.
6. Press again...
7. Continue repeating steps 4 - 6 until the glass has filled out the whole shape of the press.