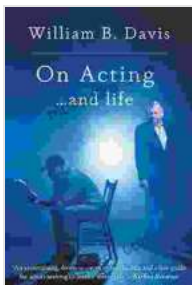


# New Look at an Old Craft: Glass Blowing

Glass blowing is an ancient art form that has been practiced for centuries. In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in this craft, and many new and innovative techniques have been developed. This article takes a look at some of the latest trends in glass blowing, and explores the work of some of the most talented glass blowers today.

## The Basics of Glass Blowing

Glass blowing is the process of shaping molten glass by blowing air into it through a blowpipe. The molten glass is then shaped by hand, using various tools and techniques. Glass blowing can be used to create a wide variety of objects, including vases, bowls, sculptures, and jewelry.



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The basic steps of glass blowing are as follows:

1. Gather molten glass on the end of a blowpipe.
2. Blow air into the molten glass to create a bubble.
3. Shape the bubble by hand, using various tools and techniques.
4. Anneal the glass to make it strong and durable.

## **New Trends in Glass Blowing**

In recent years, there have been a number of new trends in glass blowing. These trends include:

- The use of new and innovative materials, such as dichroic glass and COE 33 glass.
- The development of new techniques, such as frameworking and kiln casting.
- The incorporation of glass blowing into other art forms, such as sculpture and jewelry.

These new trends are allowing glass blowers to create a wider range of objects than ever before. They are also pushing the boundaries of what is possible with glass, and creating new and exciting works of art.

## **The Work of Some of the Most Talented Glass Blowers Today**

There are many talented glass blowers working today. Here are a few of the most notable:

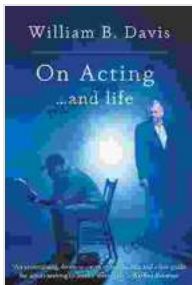
- Dale Chihuly is one of the most famous glass blowers in the world. He is known for his large-scale sculptures, which are often made from

brightly colored glass.

- Yoichi Ohira is a Japanese glass blower who is known for his delicate and intricate work. He often incorporates traditional Japanese motifs into his designs.
- Therman Statom is an American glass blower who is known for his innovative use of color and pattern. He often creates vessels that are both functional and beautiful.

These are just a few of the many talented glass blowers who are working today. Their work is a testament to the beauty and versatility of glass blowing, and it is sure to inspire future generations of artists.

Glass blowing is an ancient art form that is still evolving today. New trends and techniques are allowing glass blowers to create a wider range of objects than ever before. The work of some of the most talented glass blowers today is a testament to the beauty and versatility of this craft.



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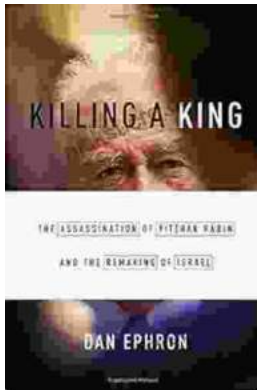
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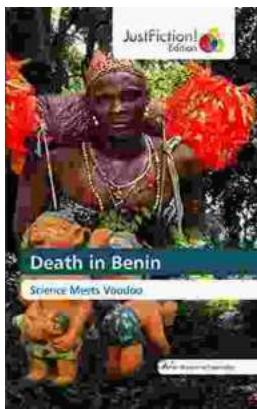
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