

# Blue Dragons

*Design by Leslie Gibbs, Text by Darlene Welch*



One of the most fascinating insects around is the dragonfly. It's always a pleasant surprise to come across one while taking a walk on a warm summer day. Watching them hover or flit from place to place brings to mind the ingenuity of the helicopter, which was inspired in part by this marvel of nature.

Leslie Gibbs has perfectly captured these tiny treasures in this layered panel. Swirls of color in the Wissmach blues and greens used for the project base capture the movement of the water beneath the dragonflies, which are created separately and soldered onto the base. The scene is contained within a border of blues and brown and set off with beveled jewels for added sparkle.

#### **Wissmach Glass Company**

2180-D, Light Violet/Opal/Crystal for Wings, 3/4 Sq. Ft.  
237-D, Cobalt Blue/Dark Purple Opal for Dragonfly Body, 1/2 Sq. Ft.  
565-L-IR, Gray Opal/Dark Gray for Dragonfly Eyes, 1/4 Sq. Ft.  
65-L, Medium Brown/Blue/Opal for Border, 1 Sq. Ft.  
197-LL, Dark Blue/Medium Green/Opal/Crystal for Water, 1 Sq. Ft.  
197-NLLG, Dark Blue/Yellow Green/Light Opal for Water, 3/4 Sq. Ft.

#### **Tools and Materials**

7/32" Copper Foil Flux Solder  
Black Patina Beveled Jewels

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Leslie Gibbs began her artist's journey roaming around the United States, Mexico, and Europe. She finally landed in South Florida, where she set up her easels and crates of glass and proceeded to plug in the kilns. Since then, Leslie has published numerous articles for glass art magazines and eleven books of stained glass patterns.

Exploring new techniques helps Leslie convey her vivid mental images into colorful art glass. She approaches glass design with serious, studied drawings and a wicked sense of humor. Visit [www.LeslieGibbsStudio.com](http://www.LeslieGibbsStudio.com) to learn more about Leslie and her art.

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- C - Medium Brown/Blue/Opal for Border, 1 Sq. Ft.
- A - Dark Blue/Medium Green/Opal/Crystal for Water, 1 Sq. Ft.
- B - Dark Blue/Yellow Green/Light Opal for Water, 3/4 Sq. Ft.

