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still winter here...

I wonder how many of you are “socked in” with the cold weather. Probably in Texas... where many of my customers live, you may not be experiencing the cold days, and the desire to go outside and see the sun. Hmm, there is no question that I am, as a native Californian, really SOLAR POWERED. Seems to me that in the winter my “solar battery” gets a little low. One would think that this would be a great time to work on websites, and other desk-type activities, but I just was a little slow the whole month. February is really a time when the weather turns around in Cincinnati, there will be days, I hope, which get into the 40s, and we will see the sun. I can't even imagine living in a climate like Sweden or Finland where the sun doesn't come up for weeks and weeks... YIKES.

There is a totally great little song that I found on the internet, the text of which I will put here. I have no clue whom the author is, and give them total credit for making this cute poem and melody. Its educational and inspirational at the same time, but clearly lets us know that we belong to a greater system.

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When ever life gets you down Ms Brown, and things seem hard and tough
And people are stupid, obnoxious or daft, and you feel like you've had quite enough.
Just remember that you're standing on a planet that's evolving,
Revolving at 9 hundred miles an hour
Its orbiting at 19 miles a second as its reckoned
A sun that is the source of all our power.
The sun and you and me and all the stars that we can see
are moving at a million miles a day
In an outer spiral arm at 40,000 miles an hour
Of a galaxy we call the Milky Way.
Our galaxy itself contains a hundred billion stars

It's a hundred thousand light years side to side
It bulges in the middle 16 thousand light years thick
But out by us its just 3 thousand light years wide.
We're 30 thousand light years from galactic central point,
We go round every two hundred million years.
Our galaxy is only one of millions and billions
Its an amazing and expanding universe.
The universe itself keeps expanding and expanding
in all the directions it can wiz.
As fast as it can go, the speed of light you know
12 million miles a minute and that's the fastest speed there is.
So remember when you're feeling very small and insecure
How amazingly unlikely is your birth
And pray that there's intelligent life somewhere out in space
Cause it is bugger all down here on earth.

bead tileing

from mm

NEW TO ME!!!

Want to know more about stained glass cutters? Here are the basic types and a little information about them.

What a wonderful thing to have you customers with all these diverse types of crafts and fun things to do. I was contacted by several of you to see whether I could make a bead tile diagram from a pattern originally made for stained glass. Of course I love these challenges, and my answer was a resounding, YES, I WILL TRY. There are a few patterns that I have posted on <http://memory-beads.com> (my daughters site) and on <http://gospelglass.com> and also on PDQpatterns that are expressly made for bead tiling. I remember doing this as a kid... making hot pot placeholders for the table, and while on google trying to find out how to spell trivet, I came across this gorgeous example of a Victorian antique trivet (Fig.1). There are so many crafts and have been so many really talented craftspersons over time that I am always stunned and amazed.



COUPON a product review
gets a free pattern

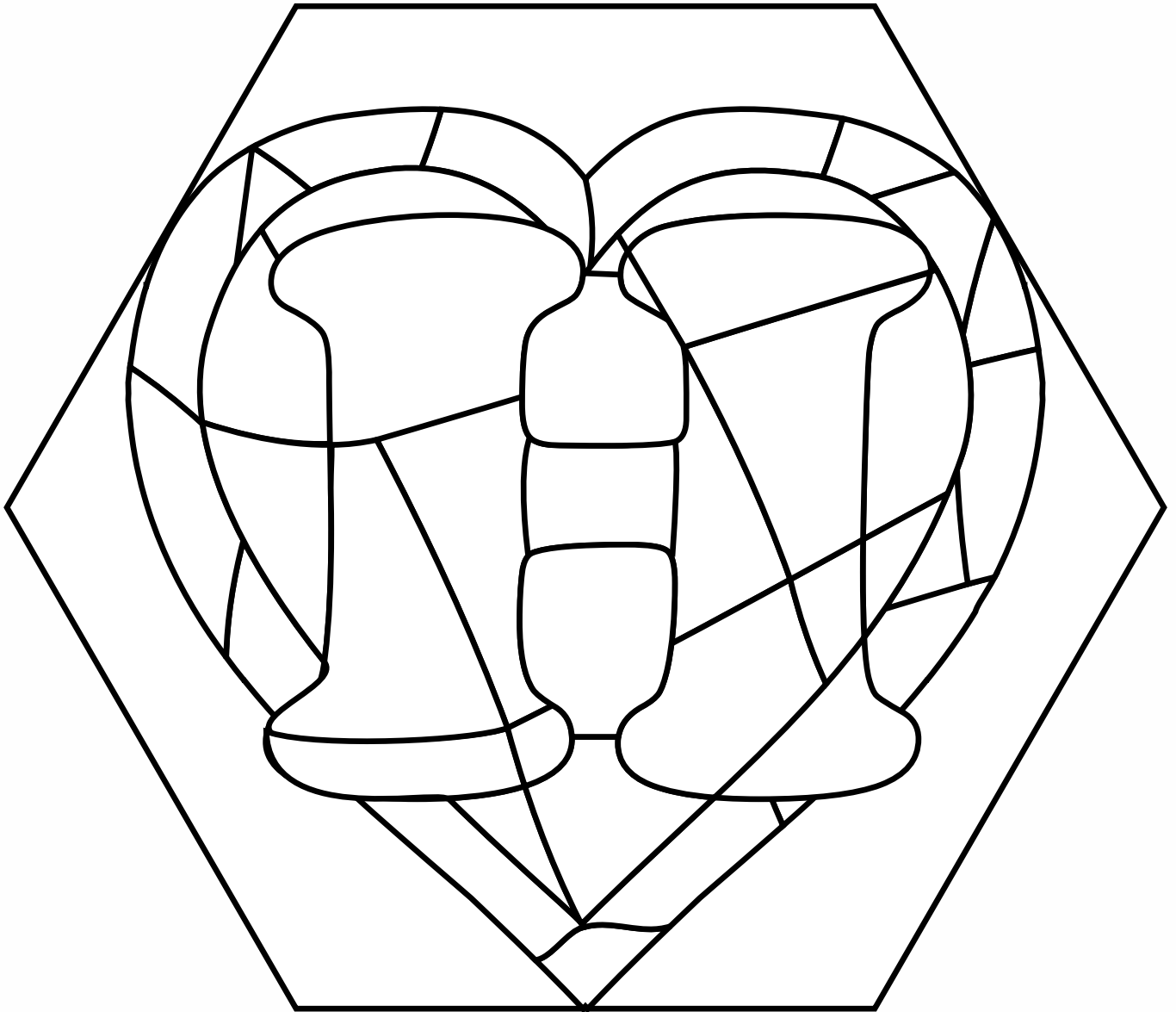
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Fig. 1

new patterns for February



pattern for February



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