

## Soft Glass or Hard Glass?

“Soft” glass refers to COE 90 and higher. “Hard” glass refers to Borosilicate glass

Many ask, “Which is better?” As with many things, the answer is, “It depends”. It depends on what kind of work you do, how you like to work, and how much experience you have. There are advantages to either hard or soft glass. Some artisans will work with both, but most prefer to work exclusively with one or the other.

### Advantages to Soft Glass

- Colours are less expensive
- Melts at lower temperature
- Stays soft longer
- Less susceptible to devitrification
- More colours available

### Advantages to Hard Glass

- Less susceptible to thermal shock while working.
- Better clarity
- Clear is less expensive