

OKLA'S WORKSHOP . 17.1.08
near Koforidua

small coloured Czech glass beads 'Jablonex'

put beads in mould

Can also re-melt + form old broken trade beads

fire & form into transparent beads then polish with sand + water as per transparent & powdered beads.

large pile $\approx 1.8 \times 1.5$ lasts about 2-3 days use from village apparently no is available to get high temperature of 1800°

firewood in back of kiln

as fire mounds in back with smoke from when glass is molten mould is white & the flame is not smokey

ovens - take 1 day to make
lasts 3 months.

ovens - ordinary clay
mould - special clay
(from 3 sites in Ghana (they buy)).

Use small coloured Czech beads (Jablonex) and put these into a mould. Can also use old broken trade beads. Fire and form as for transparent beads, then polish with sand and water (as per transparent and powdered beads). Kilns take 1 day to make and last 3 months. Ovens made from ordinary clay with moulds made from special clay, taken from 3 sites in Ghana. A large pile of firewood (1.8 x 1.5m) lasts about 2-3 days. The firewood comes from surrounding villages. Special firewood is used for larger beads to get the required temperature of about 1800 degrees. When glass is molten mould appears white and flame is not smokey.