



Stars & Pipes

Kurt Bobowick, an independent (glass) craftsman from Burlington, Vermont created an American flag mosaic made of 290 glass pipes hand blown in Vermont. Kurt hand crafted them himself- 66 blue and white pipes for the blue field and stars, and 224 red and white pipes for the stripes, each one hand numbered by the artist.

After the image was photographed, posters were printed and the pipes were released. The image evokes a multitude of reactions, as one could expect from any art that involves the American flag. "My intention was to present the image and let the audience decide what it means to them, not to make a statement or to push any sort of political agenda," explains the artist.

bigger and more lasting, while having fun doing it. He had pondered the idea for about a year, and in the spring of 2006 he decided to make his vision a reality. He did no prior mapping out of the flag, making about 20 pipes of the same size, and lining them up to start the blue field of stars. Once he had made about 60 or so he had a handle on the big picture, and began mapping out the project, measuring constantly and meticulously until it was complete.

The idea for the project was born out of Kurt's desire to take a fairly routine aspect of his work and make it part of something

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