

Create a **stained** glass window.



Add a little color to the cold, gray winter with this stained glass window. It's easy to make, and it looks beautiful when light shines through it.

What you'll need:



- colored tissue paper
- colored cellophane
- construction paper or poster board
- glue stick
- scissors

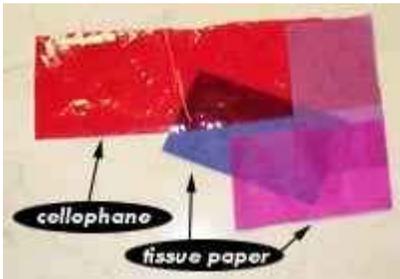
(Arts and crafts stores like Pat Catan's, Holcombs or Michael's should carry all these materials.)

Optional:

- foils (florist foils with patterns) or aluminum foil
- gift wrap
- colored pencils to decorate the frame (silver and gold look nice against black)
- a small suction cup and hook - OR - a hole punch and yarn or string to attach the finished piece to a window

Making Your Stained Glass Window

Before we begin, there are a few words you need to learn.



- **Translucent** means you can see light through it. Colored tissue paper is translucent.
- **Transparent** means you can see through it clearly. Cellophane is transparent.

▫ **Opaque** means you cannot see through it. Foil and wrapping paper are opaque.

When you place translucent and transparent materials over each other, they create other colors.

What you need to do:

1. **Cut up the cellophane, colored tissue, wrapping paper and foils into small squares, rectangles and triangles. Make each about 2 to 4 inches wide. Cellophane is difficult to cut. Have an adult help you.**



Play around with the different shapes and colors. Overlap them by their corners or sides and decide which combinations you like most. You might want to try making a picture in

your stained glass window. Try a star or a house. By the way, there's no wrong way to arrange colors. So have fun!

- 3. Use a glue stick to attach the different papers together.**
- 4. Make a frame for your stained glass window by cutting 1/2 inch strips of poster board or construction paper. (Poster board provides a stronger frame for the soft, colorful materials.) The cut strips are the skeleton or support structure for your window.**



- 5. Lay the cut strips of construction paper or poster board over the top of your stained glass window. Let the colored papers overlap the border, if you want. You may like the way this looks. If you don't, you can always trim off the extra paper. Also, don't just put the strips along the sides. It looks nice to have them criss-crossed, too.**
- 6. Glue the strips onto the window with your glue stick. Now turn the piece over and place strips that match the other side. Gluing the strips to this side reinforces the ones on the other side.**
- 7. Get your finished project ready to hang. If you want, you can just use tape to attach it to the window. Or, you can punch a hole at the top and then attach a string or suction cup.**
- 8. Show off your new creation!**

