



## TAKE AND MAKE: Tissue Paper "Stained Glass"

Brighten up a wintry day with a tissue paper "stained glass" decoration. Hold your finished project up to a window or a light and let the colors shine through! For ages 2-5.

### Supplies included:

- 2 pieces wax paper
- 4 strips construction paper (for frame)
- 2 pieces of tissue paper

### Supplies you provide:

- Glue stick or tape
- Child-safe scissors, Optional



### Directions:

1. Cut or tear the tissue paper into smaller pieces.
2. Glue tissue paper to one of the pieces of wax paper until the wax paper is filled, or the design is complete. Don't worry about the tissue paper being over the edge. It will be trimmed later. **NOTE:** It is easier to spread the glue on the wax paper and then lay the tissue paper on the glue.
3. Take the 4 strips of construction paper and glue them to the edges to create a frame.
4. Trim the frame.
5. Glue the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of wax paper onto the tissue paper and frame.
6. Find a window to display your "stained glass"!



Step 5



Step 1 – Tear tissue paper.



Step 2 – Glue tissue paper on.



Step 3 - Glue frame on.



Step 4 - Trim frame.

Your child can use child-safe scissors to cut the tissue paper. However, when a child tears pieces of paper, they improve hand strength in the small muscles in their hands. These small muscles are important in many fine motor skills – coloring, handwriting, buttoning buttons, building puzzles, and more! Tearing paper also improves hand-eye coordination and the ability of hands to work together. Both skills are needed to write and to use scissors.

**What other works of art can you and your child create with torn paper?**

