

Make your own colourful lanterns

Suitable for: Children aged 4-11

Things You Will Need:

- A clean jam jar
- Tissue paper
- PVA glue
- Glitter glue
- Ribbons
- Paper dollies
- Other decorative items you have in the house!
- Brush for glue
- Scissors
- Messy mat or newspaper to work on!
- Optional: pipe cleaners/ wire and beads

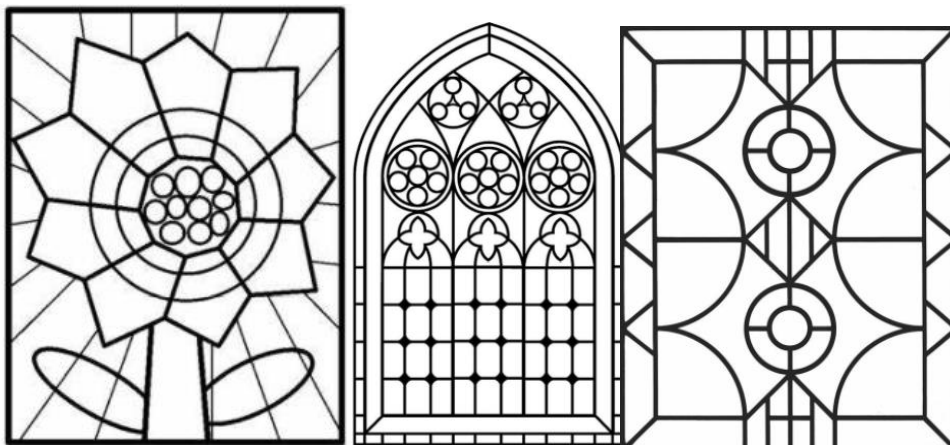


You will love how easy these are to make and the beautiful colours that shine through.

About this craft activity: Younger children will enjoy the process of sticking, while older children can make more complex designs.

Want some inspiration?

Here are some stained glass designs to give ideas for interesting shapes!



How to make your colourful lantern

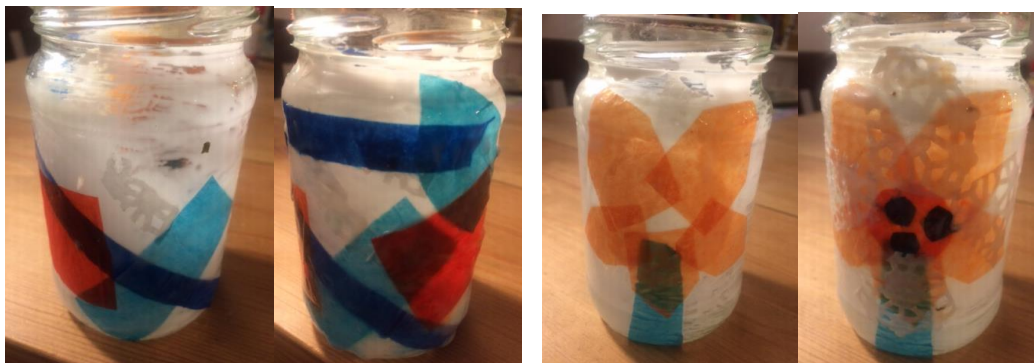
Step 1: Cut the tissue paper into small shapes- these could be strips, dots, squares, triangles, stars or shapes found in the stained glass shapes above.



Step 2: Using your brush, cover your jam jar with PVA glue and stick on your tissue paper shapes.

Top tips:

- *Older children can make more complex patterns and silhouette shapes*
- *You can layer different colours on top of each other*
- *Leave some areas just glass so the light can shine through!*
- *You may need several layers of glue- and be prepared for some mess!*



Step 3: Paint a final layer of glue on top of your tissue paper which will seal it and give a nice finish.

Top tip: *If you are using different coloured tissue paper the colours may bleed into each other- don't worry, this can add to the effect.*

Step 4: Add decoration using glitter glue, sequins, ribbons and other decorative materials you have to hand.



Step 5: When your jar is dry complete finishing touches by adding a ribbon around the neck of the jar.

Top tip: *older children can make a handle with pipe cleaners or wire and string this with beads*



Step 6: When your jar is finished, add a tealight and marvel at the colours of the tissue paper, which might look a bit like stained glass!

