

# Tissue Paper Stained Glass Window

## Supplies:

- Tissue paper in various colors. This is a great use of small, scrap pieces of tissue left over from other projects.
- Opaque masking tape or washi tape
- Waxed Paper -or- acrylic or glass plate (such as from a picture frame)
- Glue. (water-based recommended for easier clean-up)
- A brush- any kind!



## Directions:

- Decide on a design (or use one of our templates!). In the example, an abstract design was created freestyle without a template by crossing strips of tape over one another.
- For the base cut a piece of waxed paper to fit. If using acrylic or glass for the base of your window, make sure your design or template will fit onto it.
- Put the template behind your base and outline the design onto your base with tape. If you don't have a printer, pull up the image on your computer screen, put a sheet of paper over the screen, and trace the template on to your paper. The light from the computer acts like a light box to help transfer the image.
- When all the lines of your design are taped, trim the extra waxed paper and/or tape.
- Flip your taped base over so that you can work on the back.
- Use your brush to apply glue to one outlined segment. If your glue is thick, mix with water to make it spreadable.
- Begin to apply tissue paper scraps to fully cover each section. Cut or tear pieces to fit. It looks great when the pieces are irregular and overlapping! Dab more watered-down glue on top of the tissue paper pieces to hold down the edges.
- Keep adding tissue paper until your piece is filled in. Hold it up to the light to check that you're satisfied. Paper doesn't have to stay exactly in the lines- your tape will cover over the edges on the front side to neaten up the image. The opaquer your tape is, the better it will cover any loose material.



**Directions (continued):**

- Your stained glass window can be glued directly on to the window if you've used waxed paper for your base. Apply glue to the outer frame, position it and hold in place for a few seconds.
- Alternatives include making a clothesline from string and hanging it up against your window so the light shines through.
- If you used glass or acrylic from a picture frame, you can reinsert it into the frame. Lean the frame up against your window or hang it with a suction cup and hook.



**Collaboration:**

- Break apart a large project into shapes that fit together and complete pieces of this project with a friend. Hexagons, triangles and rectangles work great! This can be done with physical distancing if need be! (Download templates)