

SNOWFLAKE STAINED GLASS



In this art lesson, students will create mixed-media winter scenes using paper-cutting techniques and colorful tissue paper. Students will learn about positive and negative space while making a stained glass effect artwork featuring snowflakes.

NATIONAL ART STANDARDS

- VA:Cr2.1.3a – Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.
- VA:Cr1.1.3a – Elaborate on an imaginative idea.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will understand how to use positive and negative space in art.
- ✓ Students will create a winter scene combining paper-cutting and tissue paper techniques.

MATERIALS

- ☐ Black construction paper
- ☐ Colored tissue paper
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Templates for snowflake designs
- ☐ Wax paper or contact paper for backing
- ☐ Examples of finished winter scenes
- ☐ Paper towels



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ACTIVITY

- Display example artwork and discuss stained glass windows with students.
 - Invite students to share how winter scenes look through the windows.
 - Point out how the light shines through the colored glass.
 - Discuss how artists use black lines to separate colors.
- Demonstrate paper-cutting techniques for the students.
 - Show students how to fold paper to create symmetrical snowflakes.
 - Explain how to cut simple shapes for trees and houses.
 - Demonstrate how to create depth in their window scene.
- Guide students in planning their winter scenes.
 - Invite students to start by sketching their design on the black paper.
 - Encourage students to include several snowflakes of different sizes.
 - Help students plan where trees, houses, or other winter elements are placed.
- Show proper cutting and gluing techniques.
 - Demonstrate how to cut around their designs carefully.
 - Show students how to tear tissue paper into appropriate sizes.
 - Explain how to apply glue neatly around the edges.
- Assist students in assembling their artwork.
 - Guide students to cut out all their shapes first and arrange the pieces before gluing.
 - Show them how to layer tissue paper behind the openings in the window frame.
 - Demonstrate how to secure all of the elements correctly.
- Invite students to share and display their finished pieces.
 - Invite students to hold their work up to the light and to share what they like about their winter scene.
 - Discuss how the tissue paper creates different effects with light.

