



Backpack-tivity: An @Home Learning Activity

Stained Glass Magic

Introduction:

As you complete this activity, you'll create art that looks like a stained glass window.

Materials:

You'll need one piece of high gloss photo paper, a pencil, water color paints, cooking oil, and paper towels.

Directions:

Go online or to the local library to look at some examples of stained glass. Talk about what you see. Then work together to design your own stained-glass window. Use a pencil to sketch your design on the paper and then paint the shapes. Be sure to not leave any white paper showing. When the paint is a little dry, paint a black strip around the edge of the paper to create a border and over every pencil line to separate the colors. When the painting is done, let the paper dry. When the painting is completely dry, lightly brush the entire paper with cooking oil; the oil helps make the paint more transparent. Hang up the painting and let it dry again. When the painting is dry, lay it on a paper towel and put another paper towel on top to soak up the remaining oil. When it's dry again, tape the finished stained glass window onto a window.

Talk About It:

Where might you see examples of real stained glass in your city or town?

Learn More:

Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art at http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/glas/hd_glas.htm to see examples of Stained Glass in Medieval Europe.

This activity was completed by _____ and _____.