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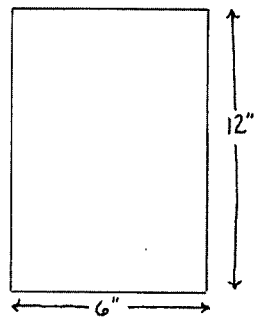
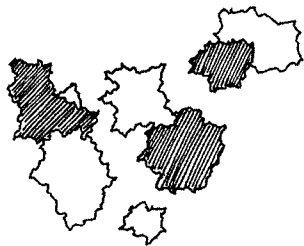
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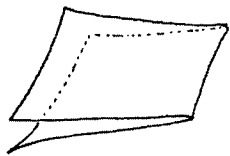
Easy Suncatcher



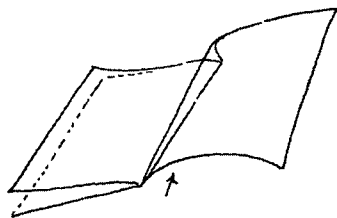
Tissue paper pressed on sticky clear contact paper makes a beautiful first suncatcher to hang in a sunny window.



CLEAR CONTACT PAPER



FOLD CONTACT PAPER IN HALF...



PULL PROTECTIVE BACKING OFF TO THE FOLD....

Materials

- scraps of art tissue or colored wrapping tissue
- clear contact paper
- scissors
- hole punch
- small piece of string or yarn

Prepare (Adult)

- Cut or tear art tissue scraps or colored wrapping tissue into pieces about 1" to 2" (3-6 cm) wide.
- Cut out a 6" x 12" (15 cm x 30 cm) piece of contact paper.
- Fold the contact paper in half lengthwise to make a 6" x 6" (15 cm x 15 cm) square.
- Pull the protective backing halfway off (to the fold) and place it on the table, sticky side up.

Process (Child)

- Press tissue scraps on the sticky exposed side of the contact paper until satisfied with the design.
- Peel off the remaining protective backing of the contact paper and fold it over the decorated side. (This step requires adult help.) Press firmly. An adult can cut off the sticky edges, or cut the square into a more circular shape.

- Punch a hole (adult only) in the top of the design and tie a string through it for window hanging.
- Choose a favorite window and hang the Suncatcher.



Tip

- Contact paper can be hard to handle for both children and adults, so don't worry too much about wrinkles, lumps, or bubbles that form when the children press the sticky sides together.

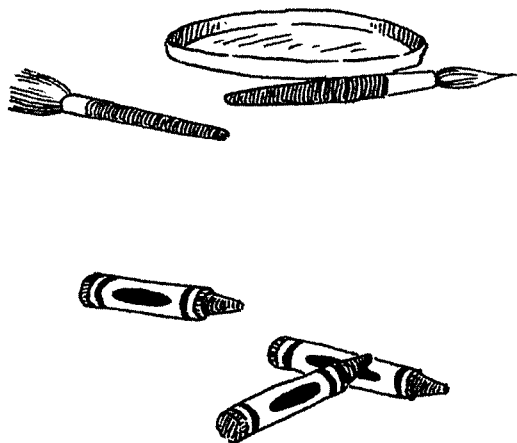
Variations

- Paper Plate: Cut out the center of a paper plate, and use the remaining edge as a frame for a suncatcher.
- Glue Art: Squeeze white glue onto wax paper and press colored paper, confetti, or other colorful items into the glue. Let the glue dry for several days until it is transparent and hard; then peel it from the wax paper and hang it in the window.
- Stick reflective or see-through art materials, such as clear scraps of cellophane paper or metallic confetti, on the contact paper.

Draw & Paint Black Magic



Lines appear like magic! Draw with black crayon on black construction paper, paint over it with water, and watch the crayon lines magically jump into view.

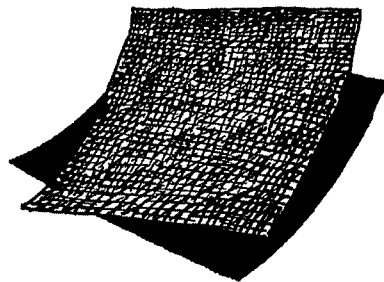


Materials

- shallow dish
- water
- black construction paper
- black or dark purple crayon
- variety of paintbrushes

Prepare (Adult)

- Fill a shallow dish with an inch or less of water.
- Place the dish on the table with black construction paper, black crayons, and a variety of paintbrushes.



Process (Child)

- Scribble with black crayon on black construction paper.
- Dip a paintbrush into the dish of water.
- Then, paint over the black crayon scribbles and over the black paper. See how the crayon lines suddenly appear more vibrant.



Tip

- Brushes come in many widths and degrees of softness. Let the children experiment with a variety to see which is most successful.

Variation

- Try scribbling on red paper with red crayon, white paper with white crayon, green paper with green crayon, and so on. Then paint over it with water.

Story

Rika put her black paper on the floor to work, as she often does for other art projects. She has more leverage when she can kneel over her paper and apply her coloring muscles to the task. Rika had never done a crayon resist before but likes the challenge of coloring "hard." When she paints over the crayon marks with water, she is surprised and very pleased with how her design is easier to see. Rika adds more water to see what else might happen. When the project does not change significantly with additional water, Rika gets a second sheet of paper, and begins scribbling again using her strong coloring muscles.