



Project Idea: Make a Suncatcher

Recommended for Step 2: Make something for someone else, Choice 1: Make something beautiful

Setup: Have you ever seen a stained glass window? That's a window with colored glass. When the sun shines through the colored glass, it makes a beautiful picture. You can make a suncatcher with tissue paper that will do the same thing.

Materials needed:

- 2 sheets of clear contact paper
 - Marker
 - Masking tape
 - Colored tissue paper
 - Safety scissors
 - Paper
 - Pencil
 - Hole punch and string (optional)
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Activity:

1. Look at the colors of tissue paper and sketch what your suncatcher will look like on a piece of paper. What shape will it be? What picture or pattern might it have?
2. Draw or trace the outside shape of your suncatcher on the non-sticky side of a sheet of contact paper.
3. Peel the backing off the contact paper and place it on the table with the sticky side up. Tape the corners to the table to keep the contact paper from moving.
4. Place different colors of tissue paper on the contact paper to make the design.
5. When you're finished adding tissue paper, peel the backing off the second piece of contact paper and place it carefully on top of your creation, sticky side down, to cover the tissue paper pieces. Smooth it down to make sure it sticks to all the tissue paper.
6. Use safety scissors to cut out the shape you drew.
7. Tape your suncatcher to a window or, if you want to, punch a hole for string in the top of it so it can be hung up.

