

# Spring Stained Glass Craft



**T/P**  
Toddler/Preschool  
1.5 - 5 years

This activity is a fun way to explore the garden and get into the spring mood. Using leaves and flower petals found around the home or neighborhood, children will create their own “stained glass” masterpieces to proudly display while they learn all about light!

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Cognition

### Skills:

Cause and Effect  
Exploring

### Indicator:

Focusing on light passing through the “glass.”



## Materials

- Transparent contact paper or tissue paper
- Flowers and leaves
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String
- Tape
- Glue



## Instructions

**Step 1:** Gather some flower petals and leaves from your yard or neighborhood. Try to choose only smaller to medium-sized items.

**Step 2:** Cut contact paper out into a shape like a circle or square. **TIP:** if you don't have contact paper then use tissue paper and glue.

**Step 3:** On one side of the contact paper, lay out leaves and petals. Encourage the child to get creative and try to create a unique pattern.

**Step 4:** When finished, cover the design with another piece of contact paper.

**Step 5:** Using a hole punch, create a hole in the “stained glass.”

**Step 6:** Place a string through the glass and tie a knot.

**Step 7:** Use tape to hang the design

**Step 8** Watch as the light filters through the “glass!”

**Learn about lights and colors!** Use this opportunity to explain how the light changes color when it passes through the leaves.

**Choose your shape.** Get extra creative by having your child draw a shape for you to cut out.



## Age Adjustments

**Get older kiddos more involved.** Let older children cut out their own shapes or practice hand-over-hand, depending on their development stage.



## Playful Questions

- What patterns can we make?
- Do you think we will be able to see through the paper?
- What color are the petals?
- Where should we hang our stained glass?
- What happens when the light shines through this?