

Star of David Suncatcher

Create a beautiful piece of art to celebrate Hanukkah! Using easy to find materials, your child will create a one of a kind suncatcher great for decoration or even a gift to family and friends. Geared towards preschool through first grade learners, this is an activity the whole family will enjoy. You can extend this activity by making additional shapes such as a menorah, dreidel, or other meaningful designs to celebrate Hanukkah. Encourage your child to experiment with different colors and designs to see what happens when the light hits their suncatcher.

What You Need:

- Silver or grey construction paper
- Blue & White tissue paper
- Scissors
- String (approx. 3 inches long)
- [Contact paper](#)
- Black marker
- Tape

What You Do:

- Help your child draw two large triangles on the construction paper. Cut one of the triangles out. Then cut out the inside of the triangle. Show your child how to use a marker to trace the inside edge of the triangle to make a ½ inch border. Use scissors to poke a small hole, then cut along the traced lines.
- Save the border for each shape. Repeat this process to make a second triangle.
- Cut out or rip the tissue paper into small pieces.
- Get the contact paper and cut a sheet slightly larger than the triangles in a square. Peel the backing, set it down sticky side up and tape two corners to your table so it doesn't move.
- Working with your child, gently place the first triangle outline on the contact paper with the point at the top. Layer the second triangle over the first, this time with the point facing down.
- Model how to layer pieces of tissue paper on top of the Star of David on the sticky side of the contact paper. Invite your child to continue layering until the shape is fully covered with tissue paper. Place a second piece of contact paper over the sticky side. Then, cut around the shape following the triangle outline.

Use a hole punch to make a small hole at the top of the shape. Tie the string in a loop on the top of the Star of David. Then use tape to hang it on your window. Ask your child to notice what happens when the sun hits their shape, do they notice anything special about the light?

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