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# Exploring Pequot Library

*Tissue Paper Stained Glass*

# Activity

Add a touch of beauty to your classroom or home with stained glass windows! With a few simple materials, children can create their own works of window art.

Need some inspiration? Check out Pequot Library's Tiffany Stained Glass windows, which have graced our space since 1898.

# Pequot Library's Stained Glass Windows

Pequot Library's Tiffany & Co. stained glass windows are located in the Stacks. Completed in 1898, they were a gift of Southport resident Mary Catherine Hull Wakeman, in memory of her daughter, Eliza Hull Wakeman Taintor. They were designed by Edward Peck Sperry and were included in the Tiffany Studio catalog of 1910.

The windows are a “triptych”, which means there are three pieces. The side panels are decorated with the coats of arms of eight of the greatest authors the world has known: Shakespeare, Dante, Moliere, Chaucer, Bacon, Goethe, Milton and Lope de Vega.



# Materials

- Wax paper, cut into two equal pieces, in any shape you'd like (square, heart, circle, diamond, etc)
- Tissue paper in multiple, bright colors
- Black or brown colored paper for frame
- Scissors
- Glue stick

# Instructions

1. Cut two pieces of wax paper into shapes of the same size (squares, circles, hearts, stars, etc). Be sure that they line up as they'll be the front and back of your creation.
2. Cut the same shape, a bit bigger, out of black or brown construction paper. This will be your frame. The frame should be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.
3. Cut your tissue paper into smaller pieces. Size and shape don't matter - it can be random!
4. Use your glue stick to apply glue along the edges of one piece of your wax paper. Glue your frame onto the wax paper.
5. Apply glue all the way across the inside of the wax paper. Add the tissue paper, overlapping colors so that it starts to look like stained glass.
6. Apply glue all the way across the second piece of wax paper, and adhere it to the bottom piece, which now is covered in tissue paper.
7. Hang your creation in a window or glass door and admire its beauty as the sun shines through!





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