

Stained Glass Window

The stained glass windows in the Lloyd Street Synagogue are one of the most eye catching and beautiful elements. Stained glass is often used within houses of worship, such as synagogues and churches, as a way of controlling light, adding beauty and inspiring the congregants, often stained glass can be used to tell a story.

This stained glass, like most, is made using small pieces of colorful glass, held together with strips of lead. The Star of David window in the Synagogue dates to the original building, though it has undergone some conservation, or repairs. The window was carefully removed when the building was expanded to accommodate the growing congregation and repositioned in the new wall. Make your own stained glass window inspired by the Star of David window in the Lloyd Street Synagogue.



What you will need:

- 6 Popsicle sticks, you could also use strips of cardboard
- Colorful tissue paper
- School glue
- Needle and thread
- Hot Glue

Optional - A hot glue gun, for adult use only

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What to do:

- Take three popsicle sticks and form them into the shape of a triangle, with the tips of each stick meeting, now glue them together. If you have a hot glue gun available it will make this process a little easier. Repeat this process with the remaining three popsicle sticks, creating two triangles.
- Now take your two triangles, one pointed up and the other pointed down, and put one on top of the other, this should create your Star of David shape. Glue these into position.
- You are now ready to decorate your star, take small pieces of tissue paper and glue them to the popsicle sticks, filling in the interior of the star. This can be a little fiddly and messy, though be aware the more glue you use the stronger your star will become.
- When the glue is dry carefully pierce a small hole through the tissue near one of the points of your star and thread through the string to create a loop so you can hang your star in a window. Enjoy the way your star shines in the sunlight.



Bonus challenge: Now try to make some more complicated designs, can you tell a story using stained glass?