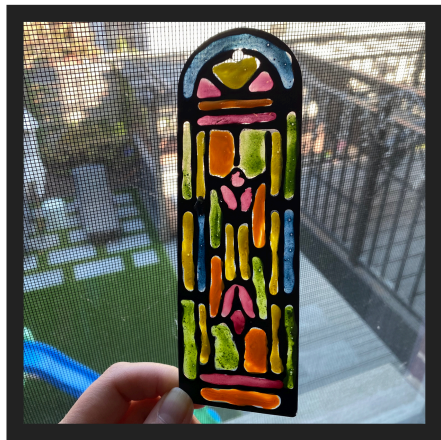




Faux Stained Glass Bookmark

Make faux stained glass bookmarks that elevate whatever book you're reading and doubles as a sun catcher.



Ingredients (Included):

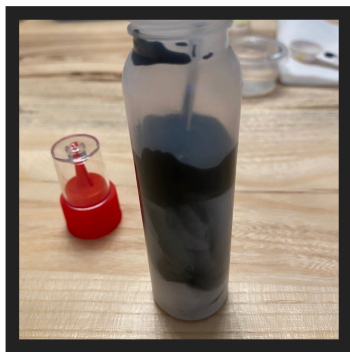
- 2 acrylic bookmarks
- 1 paintbrush
- 1 container clear glue
- 1 container black paint
- 1 container white glue
- Paint strip with acrylic paints
- Printed template (free printable from Entertain the Idea site)

You Supply:

- Masking tape or blue tape
- Paper towels or rags
- Stir stick and toothpicks
- Paint mixing tray or diy version like paper plate

Step One: Make your black leading for the outline. Carefully add black paint to the container of **white** glue. Start with just a little black and add as needed. Mix with stirrer until the white glue is all black. Test on a paper towel to make sure you can get a thin black line.

Step Two: Peel off the protective plastic from both sides of your bookmarks before they can be painted.

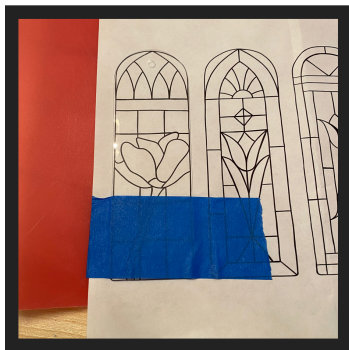


Then, tape them over the templates that you want to paint. Tape the bottom half of the bookmark over the template to work on the top half.

Step Three: Test your black glue before starting to make sure it's flowing well. Then, very carefully trace the lines of the template on the bookmark. Just work on the top half.

Go slow and use a light hand. Try to do full lines before lifting up the point to get a steady line. You can use a toothpick to nudge the black paint or clean up edges.

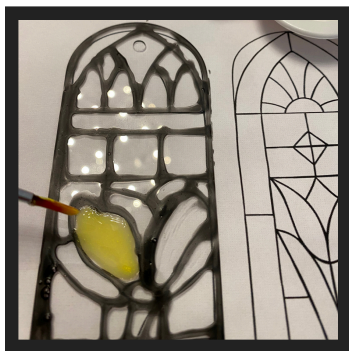
Allow this to dry for a few hours to overnight. Then, do the the lower half. Use a rolled up piece of tape between the bookmark and the printed template to secure it this time. Trace the lines for the bottom half and let it dry.



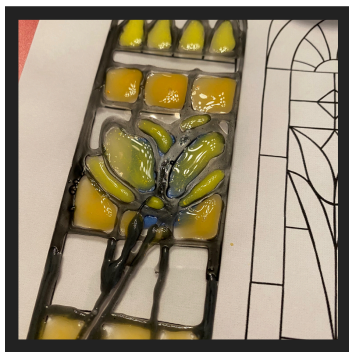
Step Four: Once all of your black lines are super dry, you can start making the colored glue by mixing clear glue and acrylic paint. The clear glue helps the acrylic paint look transparent so it achieves the stained glass effect.



Mix a blob of clear glue with a little acrylic paint on a paint tray or paper plate. With red, blue, and yellow paint, you can mix almost any color you want. Remember, the ratio of paint to glue matters: the more paint, the more opaque it will be; the less paint, the more transparent.

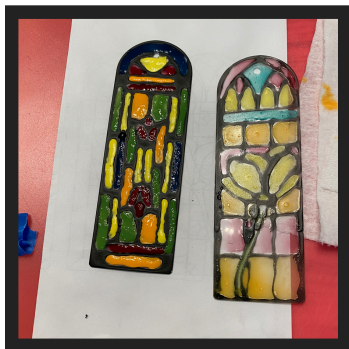


Step Five: Get to painting! Carefully paint within your black lines as evenly as you can. Clean your brush between colors with water and a rag or paper towel. You can do multiple coats if you want a more opaque look.



Don't worry if yours doesn't come out looking perfect! Look at mine!

Once all of your paint is dry, add your tassel to your bookmark. Let dry for at least 24 hours before sticking in your book, just in case!



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