

Spike's Object Activity

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Spike noticed the bright colours in the stained glass windows around the museum. He noticed that some had pictures on them and some were blocks of colours. The first one he noticed was the Maidstone Coat of Arms. He also spotted one with an elephant another with boats and another with a Tudor rose.

Spike wondered what the purpose is of a stained glass window. He discovered that it wasn't to look out of but to beautify a building, control light into the building, and more often to tell a story. Churches have stained glass windows that tell bible stories and about the lives of saints. Coloured glass goes back to the Ancient Egyptians but windows of coloured glass go back to the 7th century.

The museum stained glass windows are linked to local industries—such as the elephant linking to Fremlins. They also show family crests and coats of arms for local families and the benefactors of the museum.

Some of the windows around the museum have been covered up by cases in galleries. But most can be seen by walking around the outside of the museum. Have a look next time you visit.

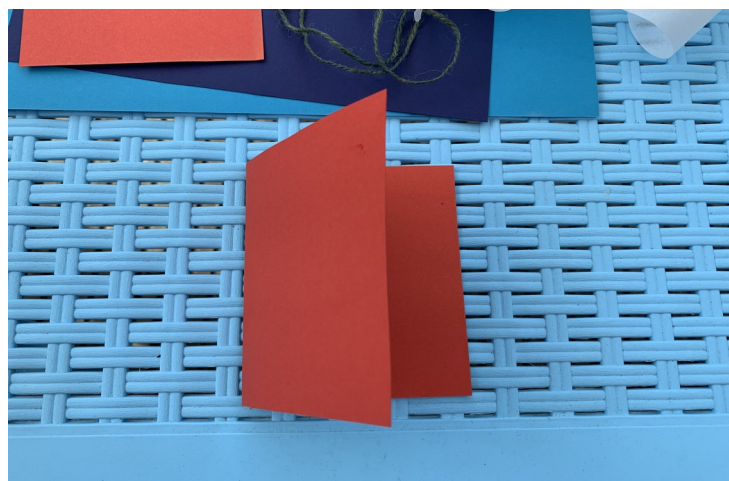
Activity. Spike thought it would be fun to make a stained glass window. But then thought using other shapes as the frame would look interesting. Spike shoes a butterfly frame. The next pages give you the instructions. It uses greaseproof paper and coloured pencils, but if you have tissue paper you could use this instead. Have fun!



Spike's Stained Glass Window Butterflies

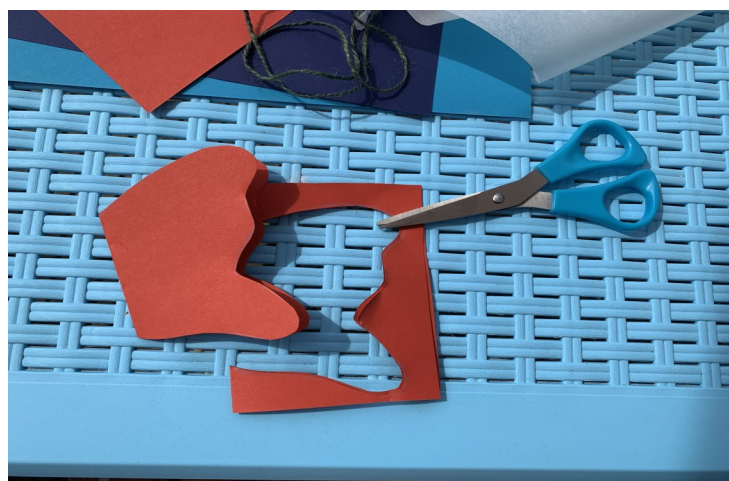


Collect your resources. You will need; coloured card, greaseproof paper, coloured pencils, string, tape, glue, scissors, bendy straws.



Step 1.

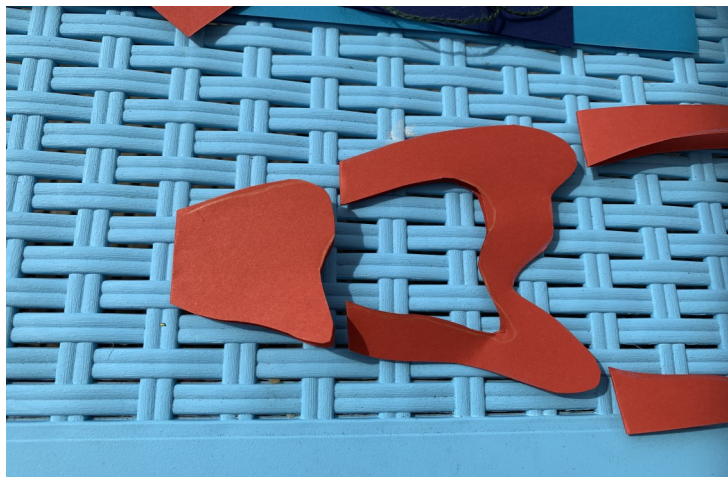
Take a piece of card approximately a quarter of an A4 sheet. Fold this in half carefully and draw half a butterfly outline as big as you can.



Step 2.

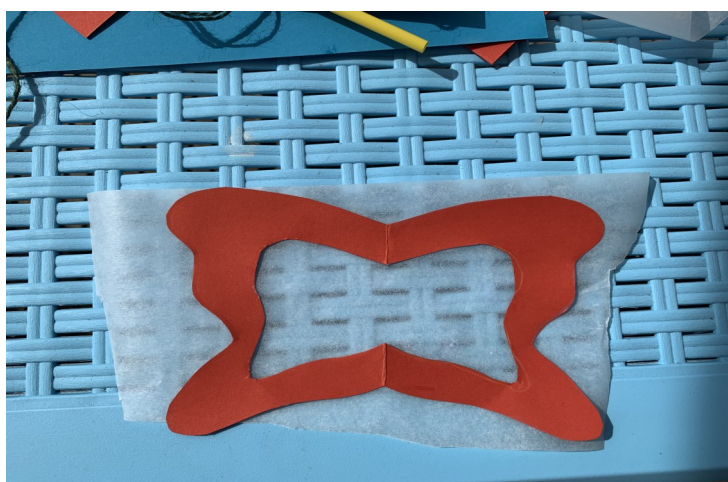
Carefully cut out your butterfly. When you open it out you should have a whole butterfly.

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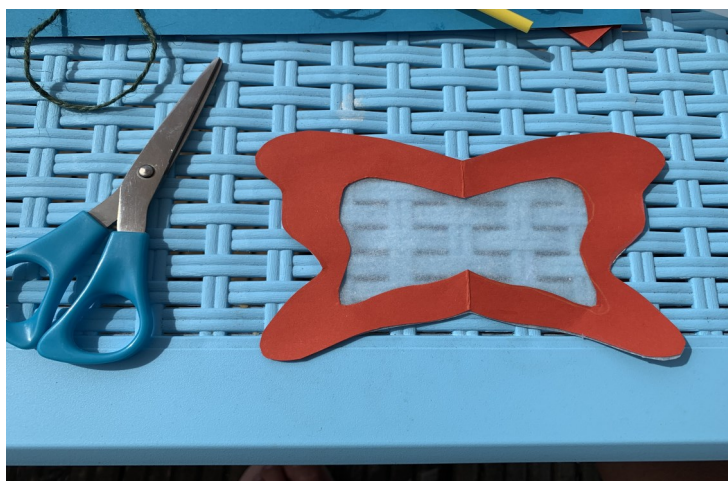
Step 3.

Refold your butterfly and draw another line about 1cm away from the edge of the card. Carefully cut this out. When you open your butterfly you should have a window in the middle.



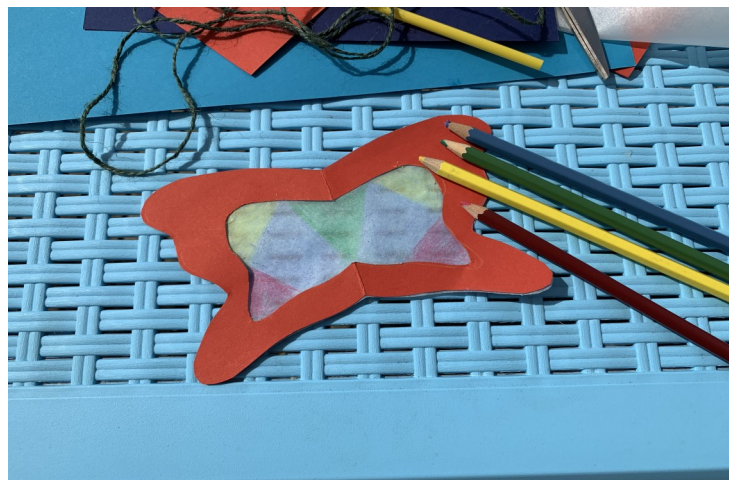
Step 4.

Stick your butterfly onto a piece of greaseproof paper and cut off any bits that stick out around the butterfly.



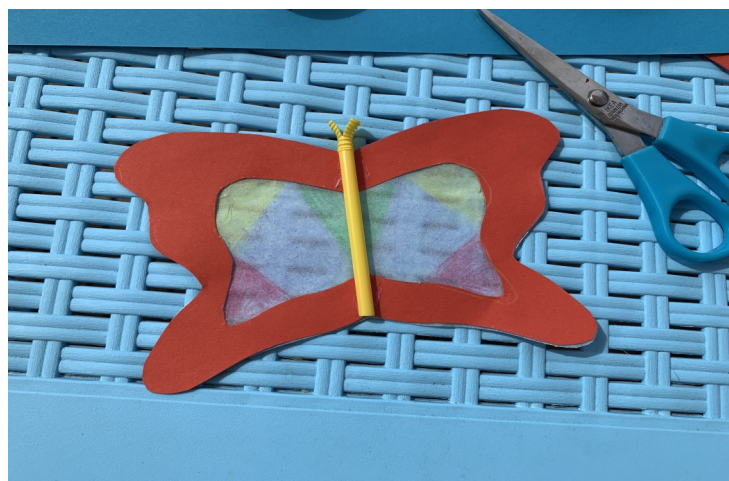
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Step 5.

Use coloured pencils to make a symmetrical pattern on the greaseproof paper.



Step 6.

Cut the straw so that you have the bendy part at the top. Make sure it is long enough to stick off the bottom of the butterfly. This is the body. Carefully cut the bendy part of the straw so it curls over to make antennae. Stick it to the butterfly using tape or glue.



Step 7

Take the string and put several knots on top of each other at one end. Thread the string through the straw.

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Step 8

Repeat the steps above to make more butterflies. After you thread each butterfly on the string you will need to put in several knots on top of each other so they don't slip into each other.

Thread several on the string and hang up on a window for the sun to shine through.

Well done

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