

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CRAFTS



MAKE YOUR OWN HAMSA

Materials

- Paper
- Pen or Marker
- Cardboard
- Aluminum Foil
- Scissors
- Toothpick
- Paint and paintbrush

Instructions

1. Fold your paper in half, and draw a half *hamsa*, or half-hand. You can use the *hamsa* coloring page also included in this packet as a template. Next, have the children trace it onto their cardboard. For younger children, you can make the *hamsa* template and have them trace it onto their cardboard.
2. Once you have the cardboard cutout, use aluminum foil to wrap the hand. Ages 7 and up and do this by themselves, but the younger children will need a little help. Aluminum foil has 2 sides- make sure to leave the shinier side facing out.
3. Using either a toothpick or a pen tip (without the ink clicked on), have the children carve little designs into the foil *hamsa*. They should draw a very large eye in the palm of the hand and paint the eye.



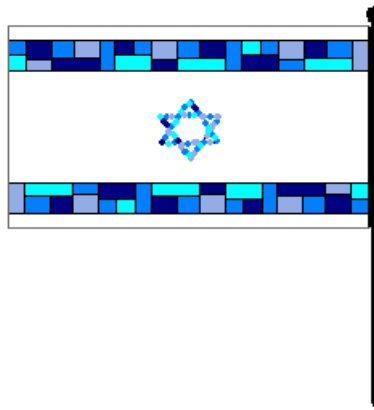
MAGEN DAVID (STAR OF DAVID) SUNCATCHER

Materials

- Foam Paint Brush
- Elastic cord, Ribbon, or Yarn
- Beads
- Popsicle sticks
- Tissue Paper
- Craft Glue
- Scissors
- Water
- Cup for mixing

Instructions

1. To make a Star of David shape, glue 3 popsicle sticks to form a triangle shape. Repeat to make a second triangle. Glue the triangles on top of one in the shape of a Star of David.
2. Use silver metallic paint and cover the wood stick shape and set aside to dry. Tip: You may want to paint several coats to cover.
3. Cut a 7-inch piece of elastic cord, ribbon or yarn and tie one end onto the wood stick shape. You will use this cord to hang your sun catcher once complete.
4. In a paper cup, mix an equal amount of craft glue with water to make a glue solution. Lay your painted craft stick shape face down on work space. Cut small pieces of tissue paper. Using a foam brush, apply the glue solution to a piece of tissue paper.
5. Place the tissue paper on the craft stick shape. Use the glue solution to secure to shape. Tip: If the tissue paper rips, don't panic! You can always add more layers of tissue paper on top of cover any rips. Continue to add pieces of tissue paper until the shape is covered. Set aside to dry.
6. Once dry, string beads onto the elastic cord, ribbon, or yarn.
7. Leave a little room at the top of the cord and tie a loop for hanging. Tip: Include one bead inside the loop shape. This will prevent all the beads from falling off when not yet hung.
8. Slip the loop onto a Suction Cup and hang on your window!



ISRAELI MOSAIC FLAG

Materials

- Blue & white construction paper or blue colored magazine ads
- Stick
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Cut small pieces of different shades of blue construction paper or different blue colored magazine ads.
2. On a rectangle white construction paper, glue the little blue pieces in the shape of two horizontal lines near the top and bottom of the page.
3. Glue the rest of the blue pieces of paper in a shape of a Star of David in the middle of the white construction paper to make the flag of Israel.
4. Glue the paper flag onto the stick.



ISRAELI PINWHEEL

Materials

- 6.5 inch square blue or white thin paper
- Ball-headed pin
- Scissors
- Pencil with an eraser

Instructions

1. Cut the construction paper to a square.
2. Draw two diagonal lines on the paper, one from the top left corner to the bottom right corner, and one from the left bottom corner to the top right corner, to make 4 triangles.
3. Cut along the lines but leave the middle 3/4 inch (about 2 centimeters) not cut. In other words, do not cut all the way to the middle.
4. Curl every other corner of the triangle to the center, so you have 4 curls. Stick a pin through the center into the pencil's eraser but be careful not to stick it all the way through. Have an adult help with sticking the pin.

You can make a couple of white and blue pinwheel for decoration.



ISRAELI WIND SOCK

Materials

- White & Blue construction paper
- White and blue crepe paper optional
- String
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Paint

Instructions

1. Prepare a large white construction paper in a shape of a rectangle. Paint with blue paint two horizontal lines and the Star of David (as in the Israeli Flag) on the white large construction paper. You can also cut blue construction paper strips to make two horizontal lines and two triangles that make the Star of David.
2. Staple the large white construction paper to make a long cylinder.
3. Cut long blue & white strips of construction paper or crepe paper, 2 inches wide and staple them at the bottom of the Wind Sock an inch apart.
4. Poke 2 holes on top of the Wind Sock on opposite side.
5. Tie the string to both sides of the Wind Sock to hang.