

'Favourite Places' Home Window Gallery

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Decorating the windows of our houses with our own art is a fun way to spend time and can be done easily using items around the home.

You need:

Tissue paper in white and two or more colours (or other semi-transparent materials as below)

Pencil, Rubber, Dark coloured marker pen

Scissors

Glue

White, or blue tack

Some example templates are provided, or you can use photos or memories of places you love. See my step by step guide, with pictures, for using the Seagull template below.

Seaside Design

I chose the Pier at Saltburn-by-the-Sea for my window gallery because of its vibrant colours plus patterns and the place it has in so many people's hearts. The scene I created was inspired by the stained glass in the Cliff Lift carriages to brighten up my windows too.

Using tissue paper has a similar effect to stained glass by being able to half see through the designs. It can be found in shoe boxes and other discarded packaging. Alternatives could include semi-transparent sweet wrappers, plastic bags or lightweight fabrics.

Working from a template as shown in the step by step seagull example means you can make something simple and then build up several pieces to create a bigger picture if you like.

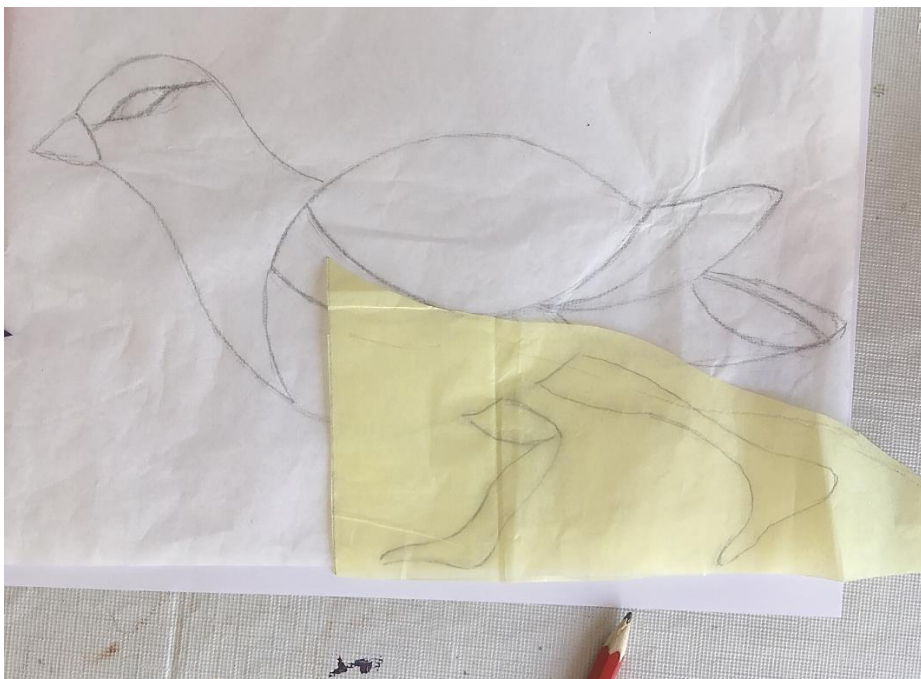


Seagull Step by Step example

1. Start with a white piece of tissue as your base as it is easier to stick everything to one piece. You can leave any bits you want white uncovered e.g. clouds
2. Draw an outline of your selected image on the white tissue base. You can trace or cut out and draw round one of the templates provided. Alternatively draw the shapes you want yourself as it can be as simple or complex as you like.



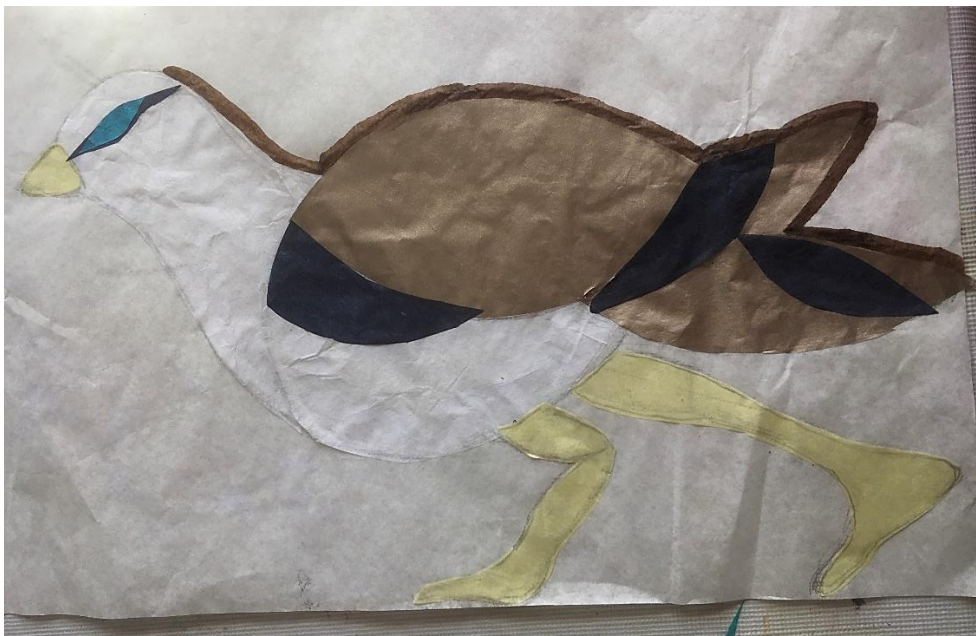
3. Pick out the colours you want for different elements of the image e.g. yellow for the gull's legs. Trace each element in the relevant colour and cut each out until all the non-white parts of your image are ready.



4. Stick each coloured element to the outline on the white base. Using a glue stick is most practical. Support the tissue paper when applying the glue as it might tear otherwise.



5. Next go round the outline of the seagull with a thick dark pen to create the effect of the lead used in stained glass windows. You might also want to highlight some parts of your gull e.g. it's eye, especially if you find the small details a bit fiddly to cut out.



6. Cut round the seagull. If you leave about a centimetre border round the gull you can use this to stick it to the window so the white tack doesn't cover the design.



7. Attach the seagull to the window with white or blue tack. Add as many more items as you want to create the image you had in mind. Patterns can be used to make a border or frame and you could add lettering if you wanted a title or message too.

Don't forget to enjoy the process of making something unique, which is more important than what you think it should look like. Using recycled materials can add character as well as help the planet so don't worry if your tissue paper has creases in it!

Templates (Below)

Seagull

Beach ball

Wave pattern

Traditional tulip

Ice cream

Brolly

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