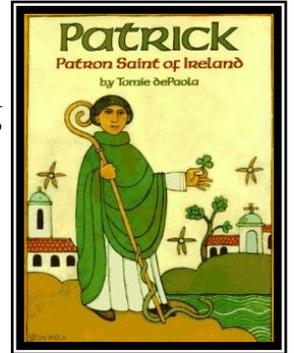




Shamrock Faux Stained Glass

Stained glass is beautiful, but not necessarily the most “kid-friendly” craft. So we decided to come up with an alternative ... faux stained glass! This is a fun craft for kids and adults and the end result is so pretty! Once complete, you can frame your creation or hang in a window to enjoy.

The inspiration for this stained glass comes from the Legend of the Shamrock. St. Patrick used the shamrock as a symbol to explain the Holy Trinity to the people of Ireland. Tomie dePaola beautifully shares the story of St. Patrick, along with the Legend of the Shamrock, in his book [Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland](#).



We would love to hear from you – if you and your children would like to share your experiences with us, we would enjoy hearing about your adventures with our products and how the tools we have created helped you on your journey.

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Materials Needed:

- ☞ Computer with printer access
- ☞ [Clear transparency film](#) (or re-purposed clear sheet protector)
- ☞ Black permanent marker (Sharpie® works great)
- ☞ [Clear glue](#)
- ☞ Various colors [acrylic paint](#)
- ☞ Paint pan (or small paper plates or bowls)
- ☞ Paint brush
- ☞ Glass of water (to clean brush after using a color)
- ☞ [Simulated Liquid Leading](#) (optional)
- ☞ Glitter (optional)



Directions:

1. Print the shamrock template from the next page. If you have [printable transparency film](#), follow the packaging instructions for printing on transparencies and skip to step 3.
2. Lay your clear transparency paper on top of your shamrock stained glass pattern. To prevent slipping while tracing, use scotch tape to temporarily hold your transparency on top of your pattern. Trace your pattern onto the clear transparency film using your black permanent marker. Once traced, remove tape and paper pattern from your transparency film.
3. To create your stained glass colors, mix about 1/2 teaspoon of [clear liquid glue](#) to half of a pea sized drop of [acrylic paint](#). You can mix your colors directly in your paint pan or paper plate using your paint brush or a toothpick. Mix thoroughly, trying to avoid creating any air bubbles.
4. Paint your stained glass using the colors of your choice. Be careful to stay inside the lines!
5. If desired, lightly sprinkle with glitter.
6. For a more authentic and finished stained-glass look, use [Simulated Liquid Leading](#) to trace over your black outlines.
7. Frame as desired to display and enjoy!



