



LENT CRAFT IDEAS

Here are some craft ideas for you to enjoy with your children either at Home, at Sunday School, at School or in your community group. We hope that there is something for everyone.

We would love to see some pictures of your finished designs – please email them to hello@cuf.org.uk. Don't forget to include your name (first only), age and where you are in the country (not your full address) and we will share the pictures on our social media channels.

If you are sending them from a school or community group please let us know the name and area you are in and we will include that too. If you wanted to send us a story of the event or any other pictures (not just of the finished products) then we would love to receive those too – please make sure that we are able to share the images and that there are no faces of children in the pictures.

We hope to hear from you soon.

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Stained Glass Windows / Easter Mosaic:

To make these designs as a stained glass window, you will need to print the stencil out onto paper and then trace it onto tracing paper and black card. These designs could also be used as colouring pages.

TO MAKE THESE YOU WILL NEED:

- Tracing paper
- Stencil of your choice – See pages 4-7 for ideas or make your own
- Pencil
- Coloured tissue paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Black card

STAINED GLASS WINDOW INSTRUCTIONS:

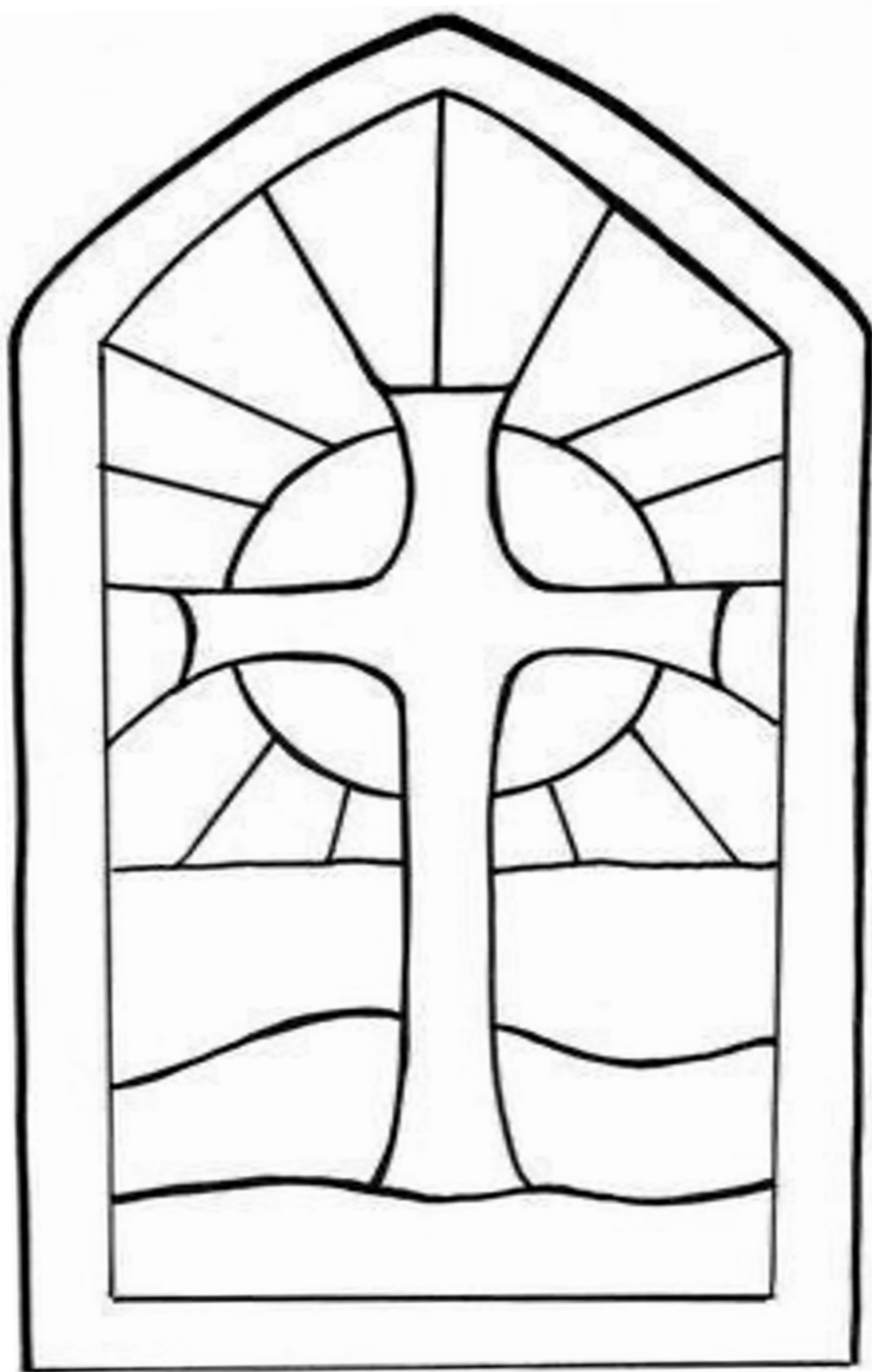
1. Choose which stencil you would like to use and print it out
2. Trace around it onto the tracing paper and the black card
3. Cut out your design
4. Cut the tissue paper into small pieces – not too small though or it will take you ages to fill your design!
5. Glue the pieces of tissue paper into the middle of your design
6. Cut your frame out of the black card and cut the middle out of your design
7. Stick the tissue paper design to your frame and let dry
8. It is now ready for you to hang or stick in your window
9. Enjoy it

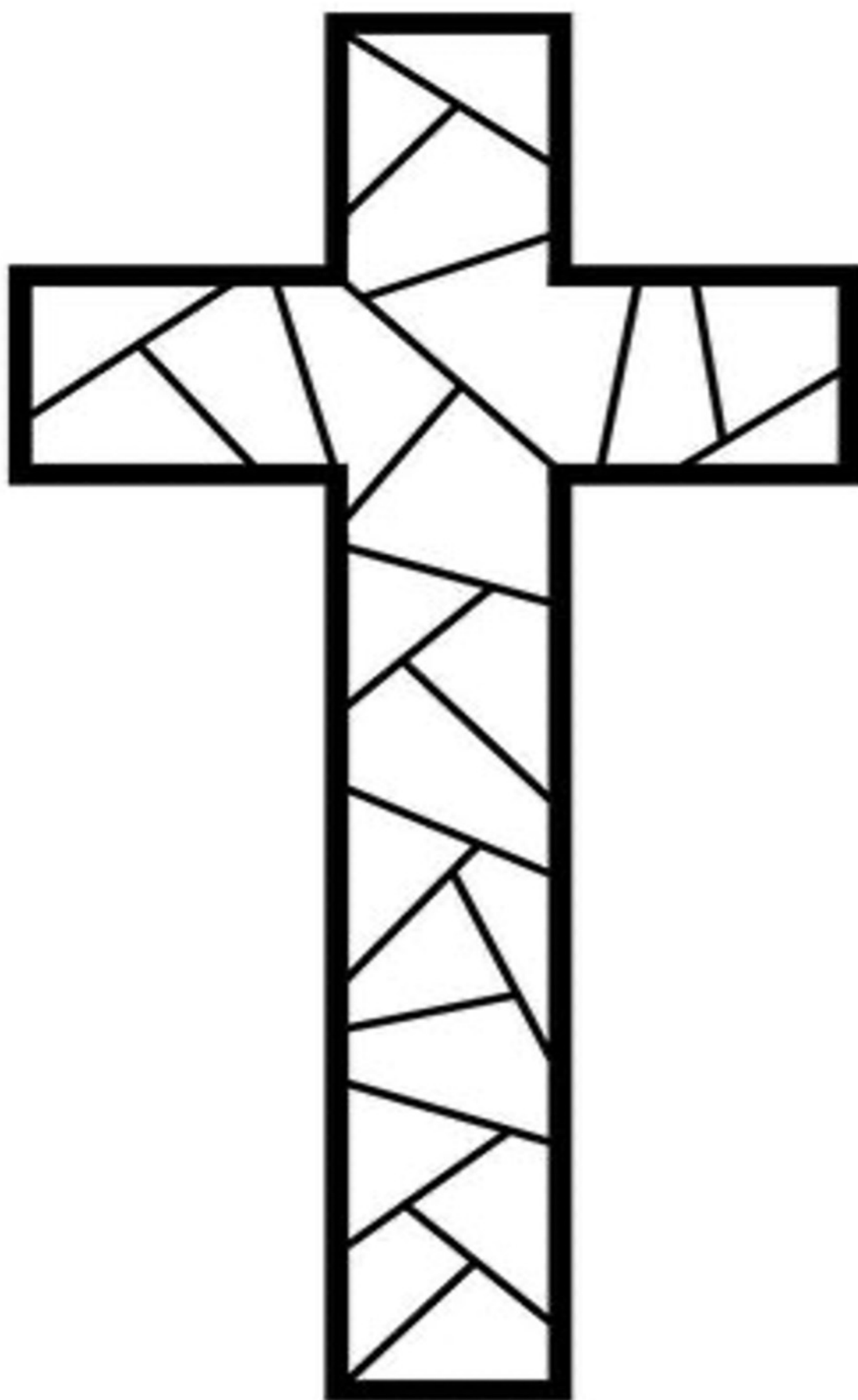
EASTER MOSAIC INSTRUCTIONS:

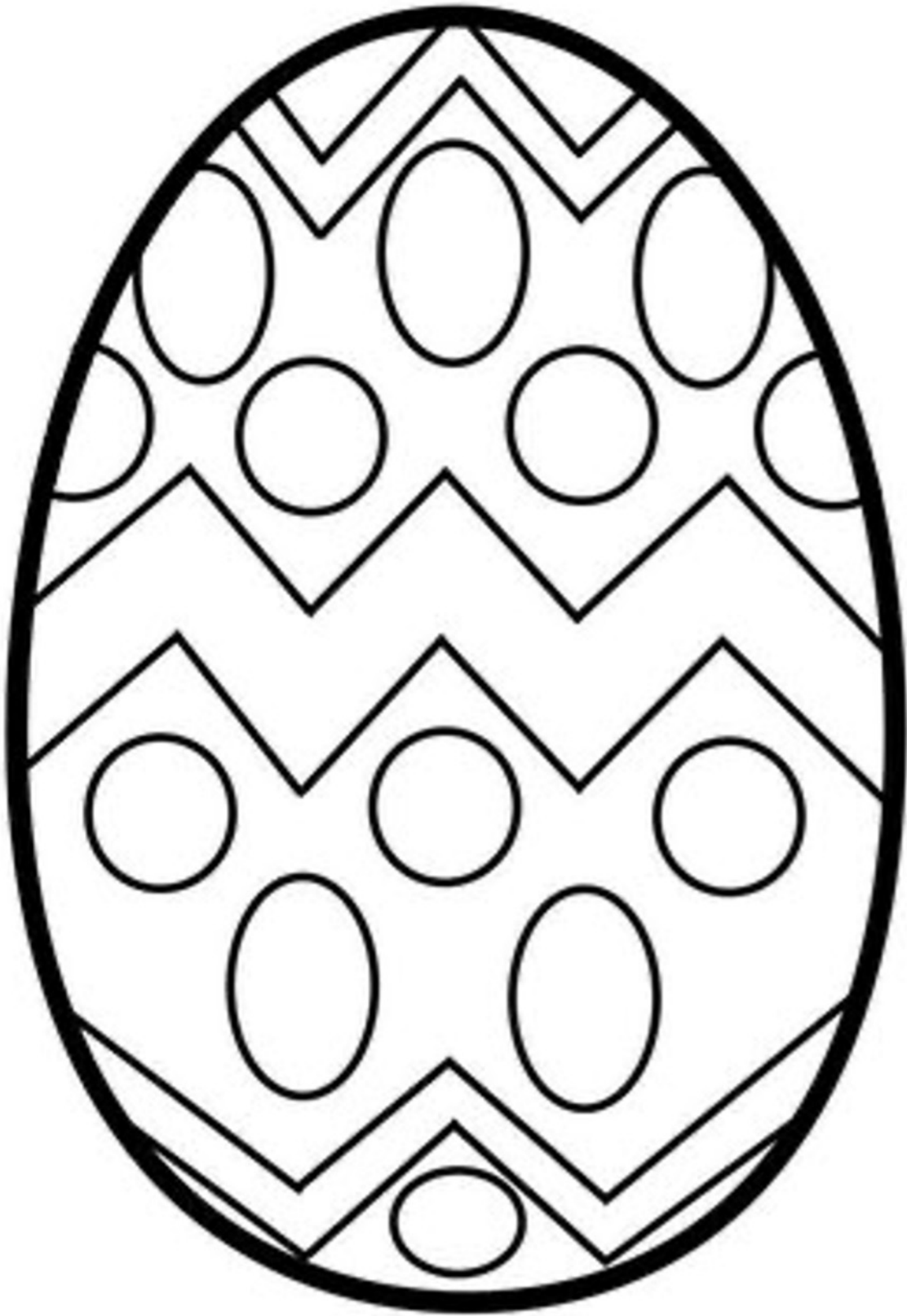
1. Choose which stencil you would like to use
2. Print out your design
3. Cut the tissue paper into small pieces – not too small though or it will take you ages to fill your design!
4. Glue the pieces of tissue paper onto the design – you can choose to fill in just the middle or the whole page

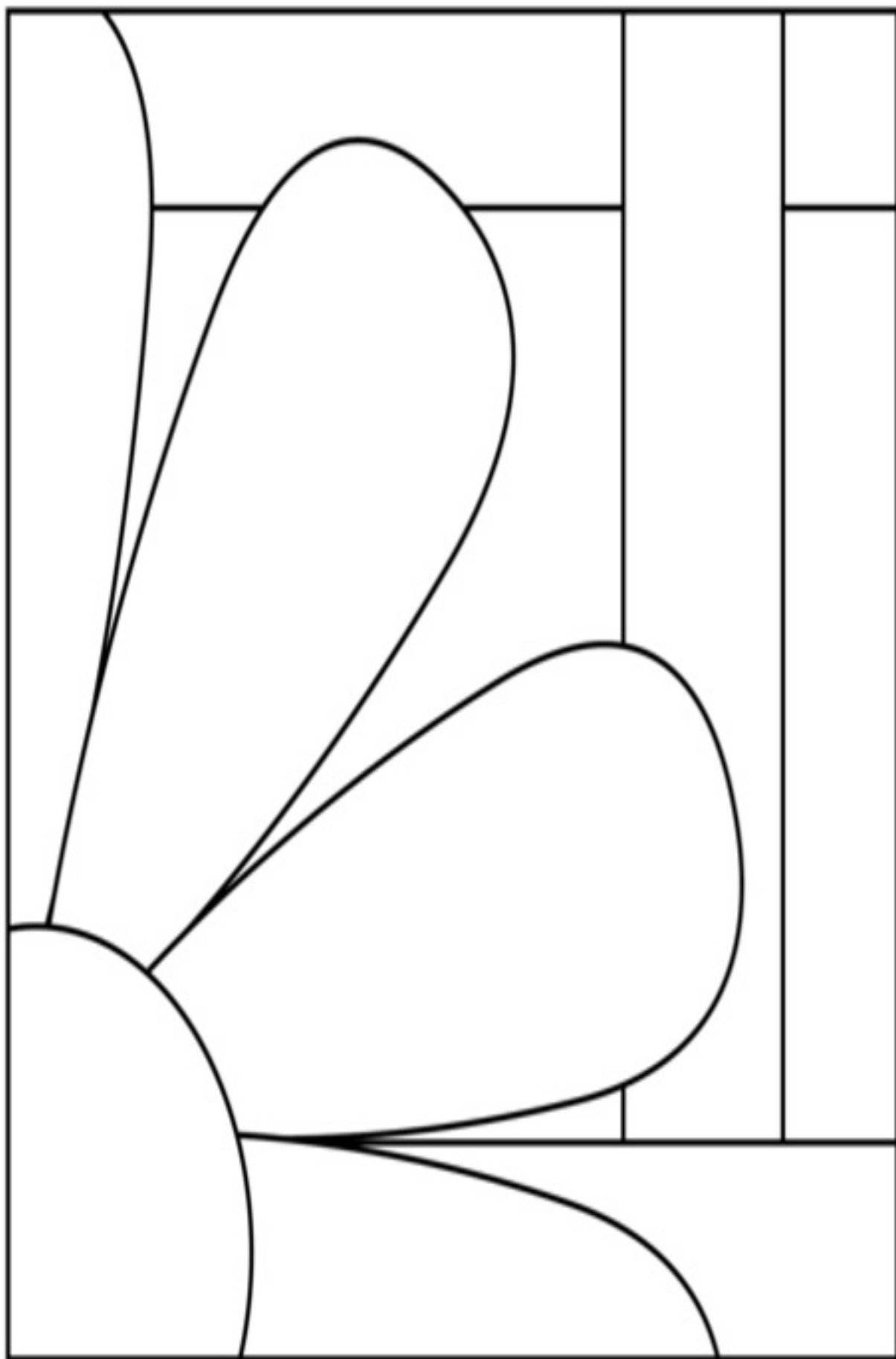
OR

5. Cut out your design
6. Cut the tissue paper into small pieces and put some glue onto your design
7. Scrunch the tissue paper into a small ball and then stick onto the design
8. Let your design dry
9. It is now ready for you to hang or stick in your window
10. Enjoy it









Easter Cross painting



TO MAKE THIS YOU WILL NEED:

- Watercolour Paints
- Paint brushes
- White Card – A4 is probably easiest but use whatever size you want
- Crayons
- Artists or a delicate surface Masking Tape (this can be removed from paper without tearing or damaging it). You can get this in art shops, Hobbycraft or Amazon

METHOD:

1. On your piece of Card make a cross in the centre using the Artists tape
2. Next to the cross ask your child to write a easter message using the crayons eg Jesus Loves Me, Jesus is alive etc
3. Now they can paint over the whole page is whatever design they want. Note - Rainbows look nice and colourful so if using as a display afterwards this could look good. The watercolours should be resistant to the tape and crayons.



Make sure that the children don't get the paper too wet otherwise it could make it harder to remove the tape.

4. Remove the tape when the pages are barely dry
5. Leave to dry and then hang up and display

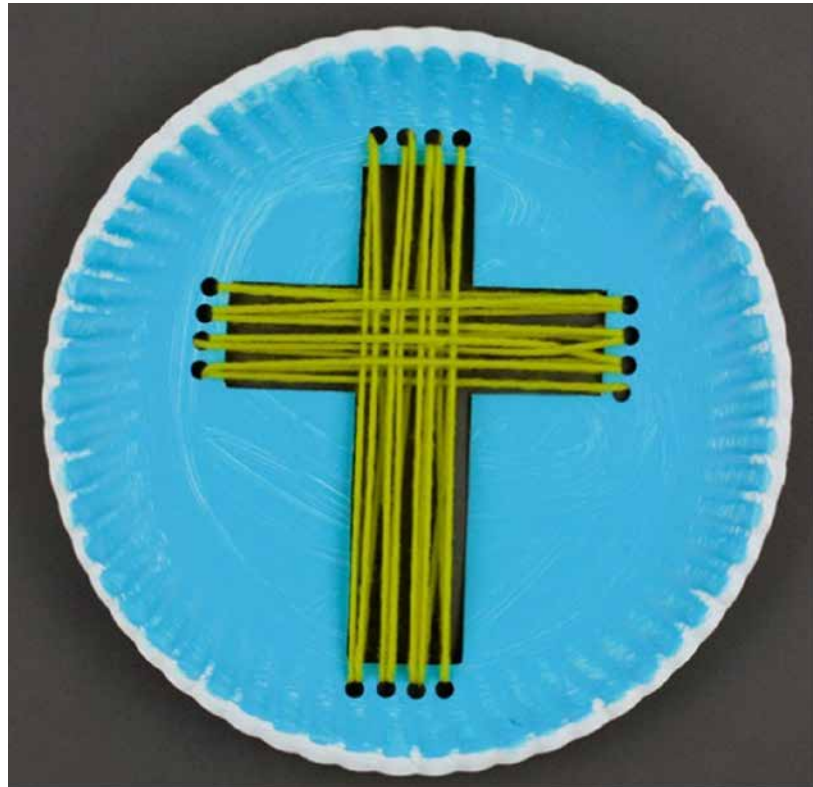
Paper plate cross craft

Here is an image of what your plate should look like once you have finished.


We hope that you enjoy this one.

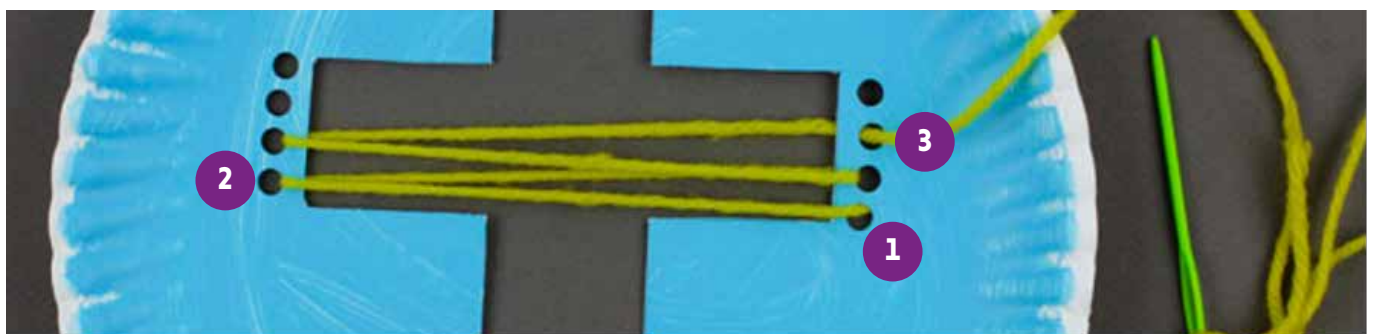
TO MAKE THIS YOU WILL NEED:

- Paper Plates – one for each child completing this craft
- Paint (of your choice)
- Paint brushes
- Wool
- Scissors or Stanley knife
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Plastic needle
- Small bits of Sellotape



METHOD:

1. Get your child to paint the plate however they want
2. Let it dry completely
3. Draw a cross onto the plate either with a stencil or by eye
4. **(Adult only)** Cut the cross out of the plate using the scissors or knife 
5. Using the hole punch, punch 4 holes at the end of each part of the cross
6. Cut a strand of wool and thread it through the needle.
7. Thread it through one of the bottom holes on the short piece of the cross leaving a short piece at the back
8. Stick the end to the back of the plate using the Sellotape
9. Now you can start threading
10. The image below shows you how to thread the wool. It shows the wool going right to left but you can do left to right if it is easiest for you
 - a. start at the bottom hole (1) (or reverse if doing it the other way)
 - b. go straight across to the opposite hole (2)
 - c. then diagonally up to the next hole (3).
 - d. Keep going using this technique until you get to the last hole pulling the wool quite tightly as you go. You can go through the holes once or go down again if you want it to be fuller or you have cut a longer strand of wool



11. Stick the end of the wool to the back of the plate once you have finished.
12. Now repeat going from the bottom of the cross to the top using the instructions in step 10 – you can weave the wool in the middle section if you want to

13. Stick the end of the wool to the back of the plate once you have finished

MORE EXAMPLES:

Here are some more examples of how to stitch the wool through the cross holes – how many other designs can you come up with?



Easter Cards

TO MAKE THESE YOU WILL NEED (DEPENDING ON THE DESIGN):

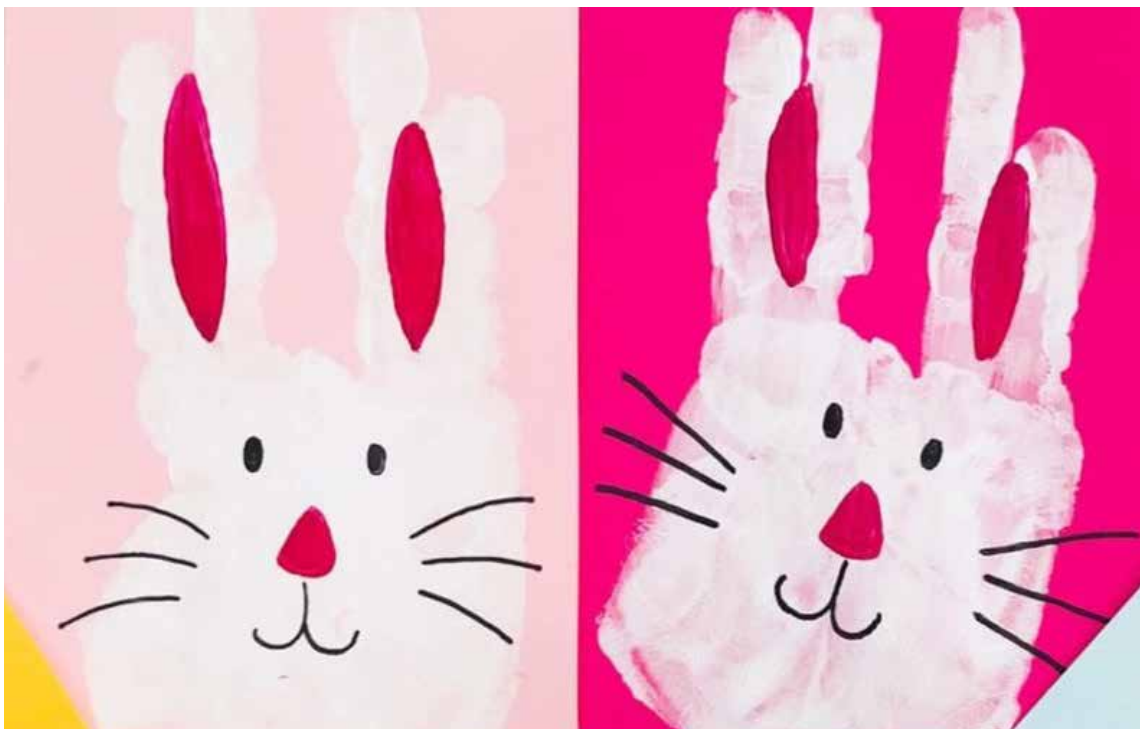
- Something to protect clothing and surfaces!
- A4 Card – any colour you want, folded in half to make a card
- White paper
- Paints – of all colours including white.
- Fingerprint paint
- Stamp pad
- Paint brushes
- Pens – for writing their messages
- Black Sharpie pen (thin point)
- Potatoes
- Paper plates or bowls (for paints to go on/in to)
- Knife (obviously adult use only)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Optional - Wet wipes to limit mess!
- Optional - ribbon bow



NOTE: If you are going to do the handprint bouquet you will need to make an A4 card so you will need a sheet of A3 paper folded in half

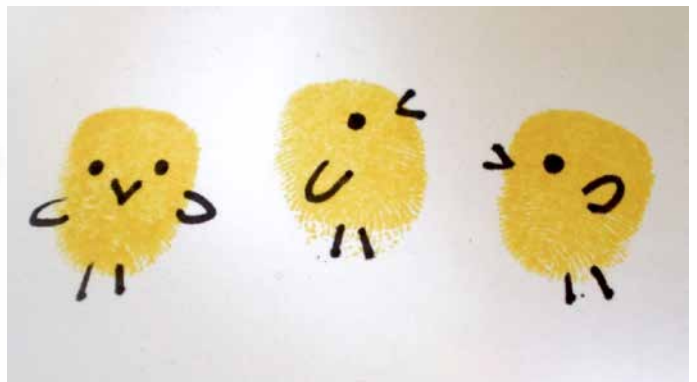
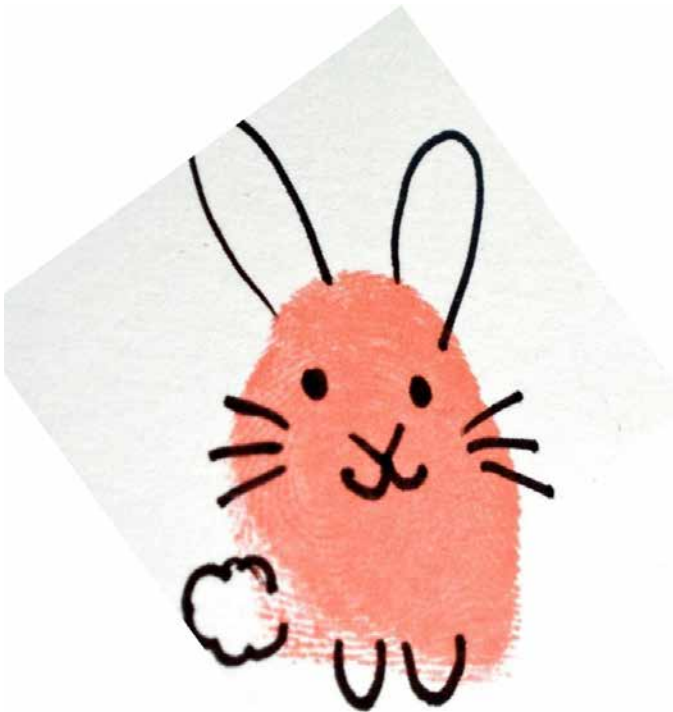
EASTER BUNNY:

1. Paint your child's hand or get them to press it into paint – make sure that they do not get paint on the thumb
2. Get them to put their fingers together and then make a space halfway between (so two fingers on each side)
3. Press their hand down onto the card carefully making sure not to smudge
4. Carefully lift their hand off the card
5. This is a good time to get them to wash their hands or wipe them with the wet wipes!
6. Leave the card to dry
7. Once dry you can paint the nose and the inside of the bunny's ears on with pink paint (as above)
8. Again leave to dry
9. Once dry use the sharpie pen to draw on the eyes, whiskers, and mouth
10. Now hand out your card to friends and family once you have written a nice message inside



FINGERPRINT EASTER EGGS, BUNNIES, AND CHICKS

1. For these designs you can choose to use either the ink stamp pad or the washable paints – you don't need to use much
2. If you are choosing to do the easter eggs paint each of their fingertips with a different colour and push it onto the card
3. Once they are dry use sharpie pens to add details or draw around them to give the shape an outline
4. For the easter bunny choose what colour you want your bunny to be and then push your child's fingerprint into the ink/paint and then onto the card, lifting it off carefully
5. Draw on the eyes, ears, nose, whiskers, legs, and tail using the sharpie pen
6. Do the same for the chicks (yellow paint/ink is probably best for them) – push their fingertip into the ink/paint and then onto the card
7. Draw on the eyes, beak wing(s) and legs
8. Now hand out your card to friends and family once you have written a nice message inside



Easter Cards (continued)

HANDPRINT CHICK:

1. Paint your child's whole hand with yellow paint
2. Now get them to place their hand onto a white piece of paper
3. Push down gently to make sure that you will have the complete handprint
4. Leave to dry
5. Once dry cut around their handprint
6. Stick onto your folded card as above
7. Add an eye and beak (you can either draw these using a sharpie or use card and stickers as above)
8. Draw on some legs and get your child to draw a background if desired
9. Now hand out your card to friends and family once you have written a nice message inside



HANDPRINT BOUQUETS (CAN EITHER DO THIS AS A LARGE CARD OR AS A PICTURE)

1. Paint your stems onto your card
2. Choose what colours you will like your flowers to be – it is probably easier to only use two colours (one for each hand) but if you choose to use more then make sure that their hand is completely clean before using a new colour to avoid getting a muddy colour
3. There are a couple of options that you can choose:
 - a. Paint their whole hand with one of your chosen colours and push down onto the card at the top of one of the stems and repeat this until each of your stems has a handprint at the top. You may need to let each handprint dry a bit in between so that the colours don't blend together
 - b. Get them to push their handprints on white paper and allow to dry. Once dry cut them out and stick them onto the card at the top of each stem
4. Once your flowers and stems are dry you can either paint on a bow, leave it blank or make a ribbon bow and stick it on
5. Now hand out your card to friends and family once you have written a nice message inside



Easter Cards (continued)

POTATO STAMP EASTER EGGS

Adult only part:

1. Cut your potato in half
2. Cut your chosen design into the potato by cutting out slices



Now the children can join in:

3. Depending on the age of the child they can either paint the potato different colours or dip it into paint
4. Push the potato onto the card firmly and lift off
5. Repeat for however many easter eggs you want on your card
6. Now hand out your card to friends and family once you have written a nice message inside

