Waldorf Window Stars

Waldorf Window Star folding is a simple handicraft that can be done by young children that ends with a beautiful result. In our family, we design window stars that coordinate with the liturgical season; purples for Advent, white, silver and gold for Christmas, and green for Trinity-tide. The tutorial below is for the most basic folded window star. Once you get the hang of the pattern, you can switch it up by adding more folds wherever you may like. Just keep in mind that with additional folds, you may need additional pieces of tissue paper to complete your star. You can also use the methods learned in this simple 'How-to' to make other shapes, such as a Paschal Candle for Candlemas (Feb. 2).

To make one Window Star you will need:

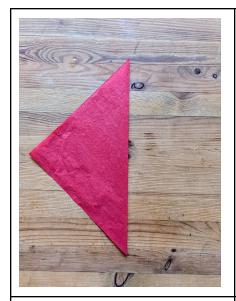
- 8 pieces of tissue paper cut into equal sized squares
- A glue stick



Assemble your materials.



Position the first square in front of you like a diamond.



Fold the right side over to the left, aligning the points and edges and press a crease into the fold.



Unfold.



Fold the bottom left and right edges of square up to the center crease.



Using just a little bit of glue, glue the folded flaps down.



You have just completed the first point of your star!



Repeat the steps above with the other 7 pieces of tissue paper.



Now it is time to glue the separate pieces together. Start by placing one piece in front of you. Then overlap the next piece on top of the first piece, by aligning the edge on the center crease of the first piece.



Use a little bit of glue to secure in place.



Now repeat the above two steps with the next piece. Continue in this pattern until you have all the pieces glued together.



The last piece will need to be both overlapped and underlapped with the two pieces next to it.



Your window star is finished!



Using a little bit of clear tape, secure your star to a window. Let the light shine through it and enjoy! When the sun goes down, your neighbors will get to enjoy your beautiful windows from the light shining out of your house.





