

ART ACTIVITY: STAINED GLASS PORTHOLE

Introduction:

Let's dive into a piece of history through the art of stained-glass! Imagine stepping into the Nimitz Hotel Ballroom, where this stained-glass window awaits. Created by Dennis Roberts of Fredericksburg, Texas, this window tells a captivating story about Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz who led the United States Navy Forces during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

Take a closer look at the details of this stained-glass window. Notice how the frame resembles a porthole? That's because it's inspired by the USS Missouri, the very battleship where the United States and Japan signed the surrender documents on September 2, 1945, officially ending World War II. Chester Nimitz, one of only four men to achieve the rank of Fleet Admiral, signed these historic documents on behalf of the United States on that monumental day.

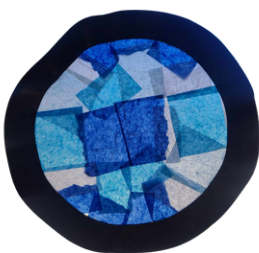
The glass itself depicts Nimitz's five-star flag fluttering in the breeze, a fitting tribute to his outstanding service and enduring legacy. In the background, the silhouette of a ship pays homage to the USS Arizona. This battleship was bombed and sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Now it's your turn to explore honor, courage, and historical significance in your own artwork!



Materials Needed:

- Tissue Paper
- Black Construction Paper
- Clear Contact Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Round Object to Trace
- Tape



Directions:

1. Cut the tissue paper in 1/2 inch to 1 inch squares
2. Use your pencil to trace a large circle on the black construction paper
3. Cut out your circle
4. Fold your circle and create a parallel cut about 1 inch wide. You now have your frame!
5. Open the circle and center it on a piece of contact paper
6. Cut out the contact paper along the frame
7. Peel Off the backing and stick the window frame to the contact paper
8. Create a design with your tissue paper and fill the "window"
9. Tape to window to allow sunlight to come through