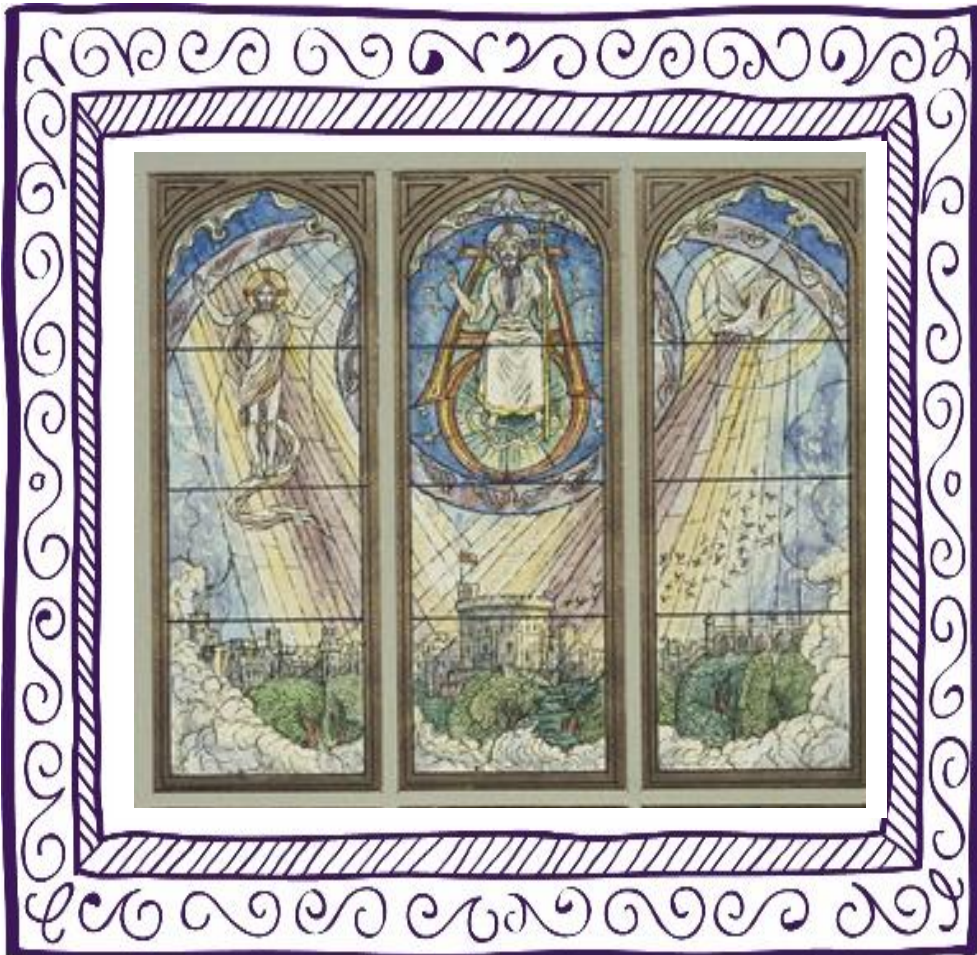


Make a stained-glass window

Stained-glass windows transformed buildings like Holyrood Abbey into a kaleidoscope of colour and light. The glass was made by heating sand and wood ash until they melted. Powdered metals were then added to the molten mixture. When the mixture cooled it would form coloured glass!



The pictures in stained-glass designs were usually religious images or illustrations of well-known stories. Royal coats of arms were often included as well.

The only remaining medieval stained-glass window in Scotland can be found in the Magdalen Chapel in Edinburgh's Cowgate – it was made in 1506!

Make your own stained-glass window with foil and paint

You will need:

- Cardboard (a cereal packet works well)
- Tin foil
- Sellotape
- Acrylic paint
- Black pen
- Washing up liquid

Instructions

1. Cut your cardboard into a rectangle and cover it with tinfoil. Tape the back to keep it in place.
2. Use a black pen to mark out a pattern on the foil. Biro pens work best because they don't smudge when you add the paint.
3. Prepare the paint. To make sure it sticks to the foil mix 1 part washing up liquid with 3 parts paint.
4. Paint the foil with as many colours as you like and leave to dry.



Tip: if you don't have paint you can use felt tip pens. It takes a while to dry but looks good too!

