

Star of David Ornament

Teach your child how to follow a pattern and a little bit about tool safety as she makes this Star of David sun catcher. The finished product will look beautiful hanging from a sunny window, and is sure to brighten any house with holiday cheer! With a little adult assistance, your child can create a beautiful—and inexpensive—homemade gift!

What You Need:

- Mirrored acrylic
- Picture of the Star of David
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Power drill
- Scroll saw
- Safety goggles
- Fine sand paper



What You Do:

1. Explain to your child the importance of listening and following directions when using tools of any kind. Make sure to also discuss the dangers involved in using any kind of power tool, and show them the safety goggles. Emphasize to her how important it is to always wear safety goggles and to never use a tool without direct supervision.
2. Help your child look online or in picture books for a Star of David that she likes that is a good size for this project.
3. Place the tracing paper over the Star of David and hold it down while your child traces the lines that she sees through the paper.
4. Lay the tracing paper with drawn lines over the mirrored acrylic, and instruct your child to trace over the lines again, this time using a black permanent marker. The marker will bleed through the tracing paper and onto the mirrored acrylic.
5. Show your child what a drill is, and explain to the child how it works. Using a small drill bit, drill a hole into each section of the Star of David that you will be cutting out.
6. Show your child the scroll saw, and explain to her how it works. Slide the saw blade through one of the holes you drilled, and then cut out that section of the star, staying within the lines your child has drawn. Continue using the scroll saw to cut out each section of the star.
7. Give your child the sandpaper, and instruct her to lightly go over each of the edges until they smooth out. However, make sure your child is careful not to wipe the sandpaper over the mirrored side because it will scratch.
8. Finally, have your child gently wipe the star down with a damp rag. This will remove any dust or slivers of acrylic left behind from the saw.
9. To hang the Star of David, simply loop a piece of string or yarn through the top, and hang it up in a highly visible, sunny spot!