CRAFT ACTIVITY

MAKE YOUR OWN SUN CATCHER
WHAT IS A LAYLIGHT?
A laylight or stained glass ceiling in the Legislative Building’s east wing, helps brighten up the building by bringing in natural light. It was designed by the oldest surviving stained glass studio in North America called McCausland Company (est. 1856). The yellow and orange glass is supposed to look like the sun.
ACTIVITY STEPS

1. [Images showing steps 1-4]
2. [Image showing step 2]
3. [Image showing step 3]
4. [Image showing step 4]
WHAT YOU’LL NEED
For this activity, it helps if you have:

• scissors
• glue
• tissue paper
• two copies of the template (attached) for the frame of your sun catcher
• a parent or guardian to help you
STEP 1

MAKE YOUR FRAME
To begin your own sun catcher, print two copies of the attached template for the two sides (the front and back). Cut out the white spaces in the middle of each template. You can make it your own design by choosing which parts to cut out.
MAKE YOUR FRAME (CONTINUED)
To cut out the shapes fold your template in half and use your scissors to make a small cut in the middle of the shape, and then slowly cut it out by going around the edge. Don’t worry if you accidentally cut your frame, use a little tape to put the pieces back together.

RIGHT: IMAGES OF THE TEMPLATE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF CUT OUTS
STEP 2

CUT YOUR SHAPES
Cut different shapes of your tissue paper and use the pieces to cover the shapes you cut out of your template. You can also rip off your pieces or shapes instead of using scissors.

RIGHT: CUTTING TISSUE PAPER
STEP 3

**GLUE YOUR PIECES**
Take the pieces of tissue paper and glue them to one of your templates filling in all the empty spaces - this will become the back of your sun catcher. Add the second cutout template on top of the glued pieces of tissue paper so that your sun catcher looks good on both sides.

RIGHT: GLUING PIECES OF CUT TISSUE PAPER ONTO A TEMPLATE
WHEN YOU’VE FINISHED
Take a picture of your sun catcher and share it with us! Ask a parent or guardian first and post your finished masterpiece to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #qpkids!

ABOVE: EXAMPLE OF A FINISHED SUN CATCHER CRAFT

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