

Make a little mess

Remind yourself that a thing of beauty takes patience

Making suncatchers and hanging them in the window is such fun that you may want to make more than one and call them Christmas ornaments. Once the kids start they won't want to quit. All you need is Elmer's Glue and a little food color.

Cut an eight inch square of wax paper and put it on a paper plate. Add 2 tablespoons more or less of white glue. Finally two or three drops of food color and using a toothpick stir with just three or four circular strokes. Children will want to stir and stir because it is fun and makes beautiful patterns in the glue. It will ruin their final product and make a kind of dull gray icky colored thing instead of a thing of beauty. Let them ruin it. The **JOY** of experimenting is one of the best parts of childhood. When they see how pretty yours turns out (the one you stir only three times) they will want to try it again anyway. Set the paper plates on top of the fridge for a whole week and clean up your glue mess.

At the end of the week peel off the wax paper and cut the now plastic glue to any shape you want or leave it in its natural shape. Carefully pierce it with a paint brush handle or nail and put a string thru the hole. Your sun catcher is ready to hang in a window.

The lesson for adults is that marriage is like Elmer's glue. Each time you start over there WILL be a new mess, perhaps a worse one. Good marriages like good crafts all require some clean up time and much patience.

The Lesson for children is that God is light. Just like the sun makes your sun catcher beautiful Jesus will make your heart beautiful. None of us is beautiful without the light.

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