



HALLOWEEN SUNCATCHER CRAFT WITH POPSICLE STICKS

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Craft Sticks make great Suncatcher Frames for Halloween!

We chose to make our Halloween Suncatchers using just orange tissue paper (the kids vote!), but they would look great in different Halloween colors too – think purple, green and yellows. You can use a whole square of one color tissue paper or add strips. Similarly, and I know we haven't done this (yet!), you could explore color mixing with coffee filters first and use those too. I think they would look great!

I found that tracing the templates on the tissue paper work better with some than with others (I used different scraps) – it can tear! So take care. And alternative ways of adding silhouettes are provided!

Craft supplies needed for these suncatcher decorations:

- 4 same sized popsicle sticks per suncatcher *[the sticks in the Inquire Within kits are all purple]*
- Black paint (though felt tip marker pens can also be used)

- Tissue paper in desired colors or coffee filter paper [*the IW kit has orange tissue paper*]
- Black marker pens for tracing OR [free printables](#) to cut out OR black construction paper to cut, and glue in place [*the IW kit has the printed-out templates*]
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- String or sticky tack for hang

How to make your Halloween Suncatcher decorations

Preparing the popsicle stick frame

Paint or color in your popsicle sticks in black. You don't strictly speaking need to do this, but we think it looks better. [If using the purple sticks, you can decorate them more if you'd like with markers or crayons.] Let dry fully.



Now glue the popsicle sticks into a square frame. Again let dry. Glue stick is actually strong enough for this. But PVA glue is more durable. So choose what supplies you have to hand. You MAY wish to make the frames ahead of time.

Adding the tissue paper background to the suncatcher frames



Add glue to the two parts of the frame that lie flat.

Stick on top of the tissue paper.



Cut out the paper, so you are left with a neat edge.

Adding your black outlines for the suncatcher

Now you have a choice of three ways to add your spooky outlines:

1. Trace the templates with a black pen (take care not to rip the tissue paper)
2. Cut out the templates
3. Cut your own shapes from black paper!

All three methods work and look great! They are just different ways depending on your child's dexterity.

Now choose what designs you would like to add to your suncatcher. Pumpkin suncatchers are super popular, as are ghosts! And use any of the three methods suggested above.



Here we made a jack-o-lantern and black cat using the tracing method. and made the ghost using the cutting out method (great for scissor skills!).

Hanging your Halloween Suncatcher Craft

We add string to the back with some sticky tack. These suncatcher frames are quite light weight, so you could simply use blue tack to attach it to the window!



And done!

Now, if you liked these Halloween Suncatchers, you may also want to use the craft to make a fabulous little [Halloween Lantern](#)? You simply need 5 panels for this!

