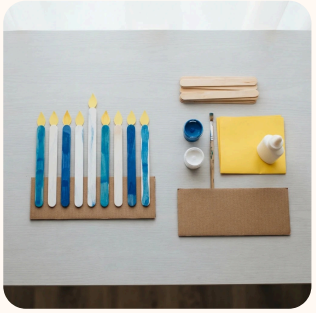
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20 Hanukkah Crafts

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Cardboard & Pencil Dreidel

👧 Age 4+ | ⏱ 15 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] A cardboard circle (cut from a cereal box, about 10 cm / 4 in across)
- [ ] A short sharpened pencil
- [ ] Colorful markers
- [ ] A cup or lid to trace the circle
- [ ] Scissors

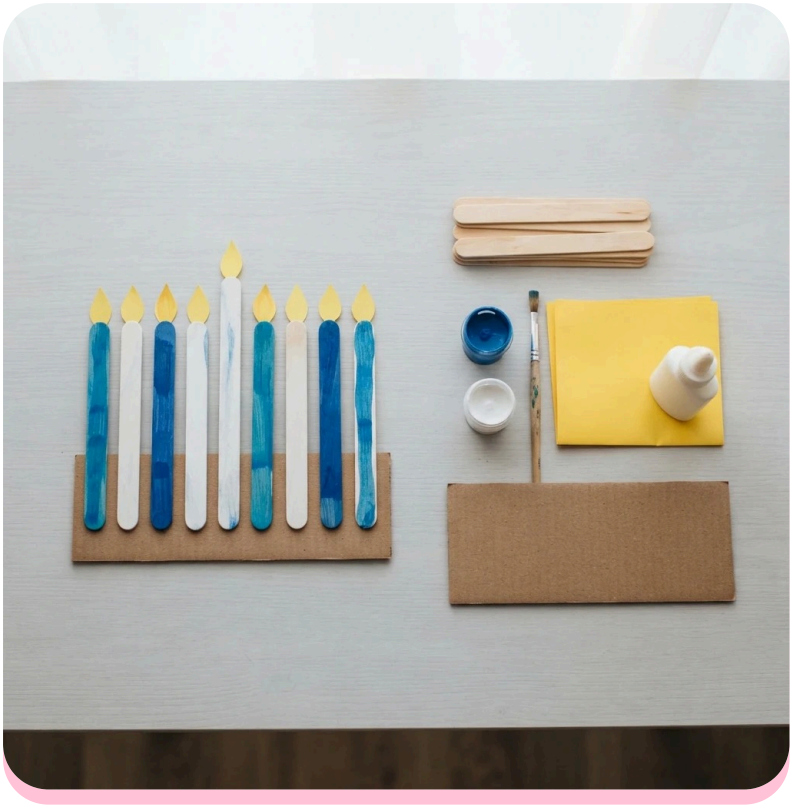
How to make it

1. Trace a circle on the cardboard with a cup or lid and cut it out.
2. Mark a dot exactly in the center. An adult pokes a small hole there with the pencil tip.
3. Divide the circle into 8 triangles, like a pizza, and color each one differently.
4. Push the pencil through the hole, tip down, until about 2 cm (1 in) sticks out underneath.
5. Spin it between your thumb and finger – and watch the colors blend into one!

💡 **Tip:** When the dreidel spins fast, the colors “disappear” and look like one color. Try different colors and see what happens.

Popsicle Stick Menorah

👧 Age 4+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] 9 popsicle sticks
- [ ] Blue and white paint and a brush
- [ ] Yellow paper
- [ ] A cardboard rectangle (about 25×12 cm / 10×5 in)
- [ ] White glue

How to make it

1. Paint the popsicle sticks – alternating blue and white – and let them dry.
2. Glue 8 sticks in a row on the cardboard, evenly spaced.
3. Glue the ninth stick – the shamash – in the middle, a little higher than the rest.
4. Cut 9 flames from yellow paper (a teardrop shape) and glue one on top of each stick.
5. Each night of Hanukkah you can “light” another candle: glue on the flame only on the right night!

💡 **Tip:** Want it to stand? Glue a small cardboard triangle to the back as a stand.

Paper Plate Sufganiyah

👧 Age 3+ | ⏱ 20 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] A paper plate
- [ ] Golden-brown and white paint
- [ ] A paintbrush
- [ ] Red tissue paper
- [ ] A glue stick

How to make it

1. Paint the whole plate golden-brown, like a fried donut, and let it dry.
2. Dip the tip of the brush (or a finger) in white paint and dab little dots – that's the powdered sugar.
3. Scrunch a piece of red tissue paper into a ball – that's the jam.
4. Glue the "jam" in the middle of the sufganiyah.
5. Hang it on the wall or use it as a decoration for the holiday table.

💡 **Tip:** Make a few and hang them on a string – a festive window garland.

Paper Cup Lantern

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 20 min | Level: Medium ●●○ | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] A blue paper cup (or any dark color)
- [ ] A pushpin
- [ ] A thick piece of sponge or foam (to poke on)
- [ ] A small LED tealight (never a real candle!)
- [ ] A pencil

How to make it

1. Draw simple dotted shapes on the side of the cup: a star, a circle, a heart.
2. Put the sponge inside the cup, behind the wall you're working on.
3. Poke small holes with the pushpin along the lines you drew – hole after hole.
4. Turn the cup over, switch on the LED tealight, and cover it with the cup.
5. Turn off the lights – and the shapes glow!

💡 **Tip:** The closer together the holes, the brighter the shape. Poke the holes with an adult nearby.

Toilet Paper Roll Candles

👧 Age 3+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] 9 empty toilet paper rolls
- [ ] Paint in several colors
- [ ] A paintbrush
- [ ] Yellow and orange tissue paper
- [ ] A glue stick

How to make it

1. Paint each roll a different color – these are the candles – and let them dry.
2. Make one roll (the shamash) taller by gluing half a roll on top.
3. Scrunch bits of yellow and orange tissue paper and push them into the top of each roll – the flames.
4. Stand the candles in a row with the shamash in the middle.
5. Each night, stand up only the number of candles for that night.

💡 **Tip:** The same rolls make a bowling game: roll up a sock into a ball and try to knock the candles down!

Bottle Cap Menorah

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Medium ●●○ | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] 9 colorful bottle caps
- [ ] A small wooden board or thick cardboard
- [ ] Blue paint and a brush
- [ ] Yellow paper
- [ ] A hot glue gun (adult) or strong glue

How to make it

1. Paint the board blue and let it dry.
2. An adult glues 8 caps in a row on the board.
3. Glue the ninth cap (the shamash) in the middle, on top of another cap, so it stands taller.
4. Cut 9 small flames from yellow paper.
5. Tuck or glue a flame into each cap.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the flames aside and add one each night of the holiday.

Salt Dough Oil Jug Ornament

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱️ 40 min + drying | Level: Medium ●●○ | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] 1 cup flour, ½ cup salt, ½ cup water (for the salt dough)
- [ ] A rolling pin
- [ ] Orange-brown and gold paint and a brush
- [ ] A toothpick
- [ ] A ribbon for hanging

How to make it

1. Mix the flour, salt and water and knead into a smooth dough.
2. Roll it out ½ cm (¼ in) thick and draw a jug with a handle using a toothpick.
3. Cut out the jug (an adult with a knife, or with the toothpick) and poke a small hole at the top.
4. Bake at 100°C / 210°F for about two hours until completely dry (adult).
5. Paint it orange-brown, add gold details, and thread a ribbon through for hanging.

💡 **Tip:** Make several jugs and hang them as a mobile or on a branch.

Popsicle Stick Star of David

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 25 min | Level: Medium ●●○



What you need

- [ ] 6 popsicle sticks
- [ ] Blue paint and a brush
- [ ] Silver glitter
- [ ] White glue
- [ ] String for hanging

How to make it

1. Paint the 6 sticks blue and let them dry.
2. Glue 3 sticks into a triangle, and 3 more into a second triangle.
3. Lay one triangle upside down over the other and glue where they meet.
4. Dab a little glue on the edges and sprinkle with glitter.
5. Tie a string to one point and hang it up.

💡 **Tip:** Let the triangles dry completely before gluing them together – that way the star holds strong.

Stained Glass Window Menorah

👧 Age 6+ | ⏱ 40 min | Level: Challenging ●●● | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] Black card stock
- [ ] Colored cellophane (or tissue paper)
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] A glue stick
- [ ] Clear tape

How to make it

1. Draw a menorah on the black card stock: 8 branches, a shamash in the middle, and a base.
2. An adult cuts out the inside of the branches – leaving a black “frame”.
3. Cut squares of cellophane in different colors, a little bigger than each opening.
4. Glue the cellophane behind the frame, a different color for each branch.
5. Tape it to the window – and the sun will color the room.

💡 **Tip:** No cellophane? Tissue paper works great. Rub on a little baby oil and it turns see-through!

Maccabee Shield

👧 Age 4+ | ⏱ 20 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] A paper plate
- [ ] Aluminum foil
- [ ] Blue paint and a brush, or a blue marker
- [ ] A strip of cardboard
- [ ] Clear tape

How to make it

1. Cover the front of the plate with foil and fold the edges to the back.
2. Draw a symbol on the shield – a lion, a star, or the first letter of your name.
3. Decorate the edge with dots or waves.
4. Tape an arched strip of cardboard on the back – that's the handle.
5. Now you can play Maccabees!

💡 **Tip:** Add a sword made from a cardboard tube wrapped in foil – a complete Maccabee costume.

Handprint Menorah

👧 Age 2+ | ⏱ 20 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] A large sheet of white paper
- [ ] Paint in several colors
- [ ] A paper plate for mixing
- [ ] Yellow paper
- [ ] A glue stick

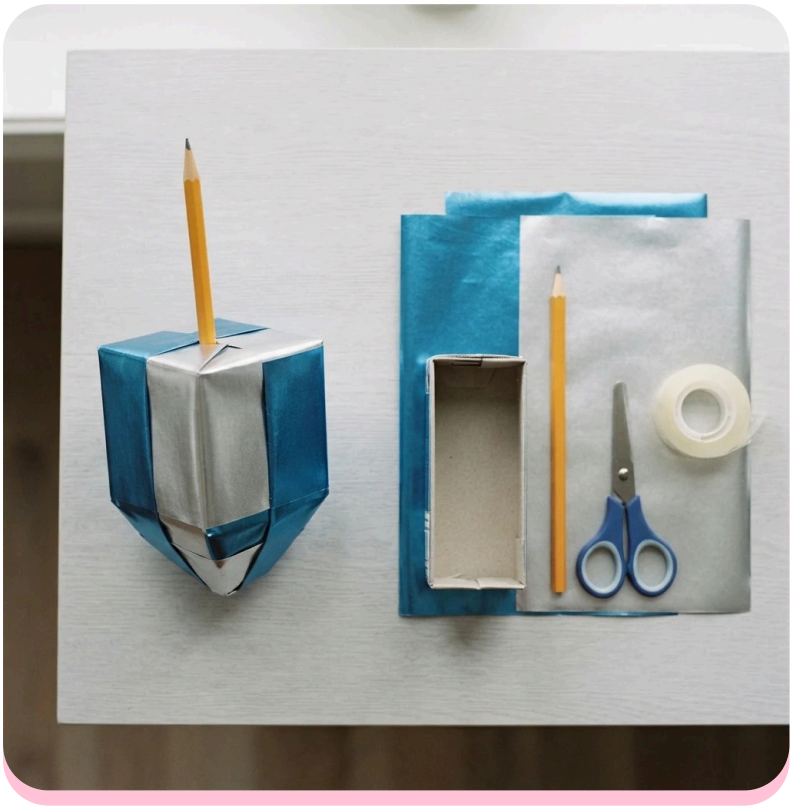
How to make it

1. Paint the child's palm (a brush makes it easier).
2. Press the hand on the paper with the fingers pointing up – 4 fingers are 4 candles.
3. Wash, then print the other hand in another color next to it – 4 more candles.
4. Draw the shamash in the middle, taller, and a base underneath.
5. Glue yellow flames above each finger.

💡 **Tip:** A lovely keepsake – write the name and date on the back, and compare each year how the hand has grown.

Giant Juice Box Dreidel

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Medium ●●○



What you need

- [ ] A small empty, rinsed juice box
- [ ] Blue and silver wrapping paper
- [ ] A pencil
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] Clear tape

How to make it

1. Tape the box shut so it's a closed block.
2. Wrap the box in wrapping paper, like a gift.
3. Fold a triangle of silver paper and tape it to the bottom – that's the dreidel's tip.
4. Push the pencil into the top of the box – that's the handle.
5. Write or glue the Hebrew letters נ, ג, ה, ש on the 4 sides.

💡 **Tip:** A giant dreidel like this is great as a decoration or on the holiday table. You can even hide a little surprise inside!

Mosaic Jar Lantern

👧 Age 4+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] An empty, clean glass jar
- [ ] Blue and white tissue paper squares
- [ ] White glue thinned with a little water
- [ ] A paintbrush
- [ ] An LED tealight

How to make it

1. Cut or tear small squares of tissue paper.
2. Brush glue on a small part of the jar.
3. Press tissue squares onto it and brush another layer of glue on top.
4. Keep going until the whole jar is covered, and let it dry.
5. Put in an LED tealight and turn off the lights.

💡 **Tip:** The glue looks white when wet, but turns completely clear once it dries.

Felt Gelt Pouch

👧 Age 7+ | ⏱ 40 min | Level: Challenging ●●● | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] 2 squares of blue felt (about 12×12 cm / 5×5 in)
- [ ] A piece of yellow felt
- [ ] A large needle and thread
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] Chocolate gelt coins

How to make it

1. Cut a star from the yellow felt and sew it onto one of the blue squares.
2. Lay the two squares on top of each other.
3. Sew three sides – right, left and bottom – with big stitches, leaving the top open.
4. Tie a knot at the end of the thread and trim the extra.
5. Fill with chocolate gelt – and you have a Hanukkah gift!

💡 **Tip:** For little ones: instead of sewing, glue the sides with fabric glue or hot glue (adult).

Pop-Up Dreidel Card

👧 Age 6+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Challenging ●●●



What you need

- [ ] White card stock
- [ ] Blue paper and gold paper
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] A glue stick
- [ ] A ruler

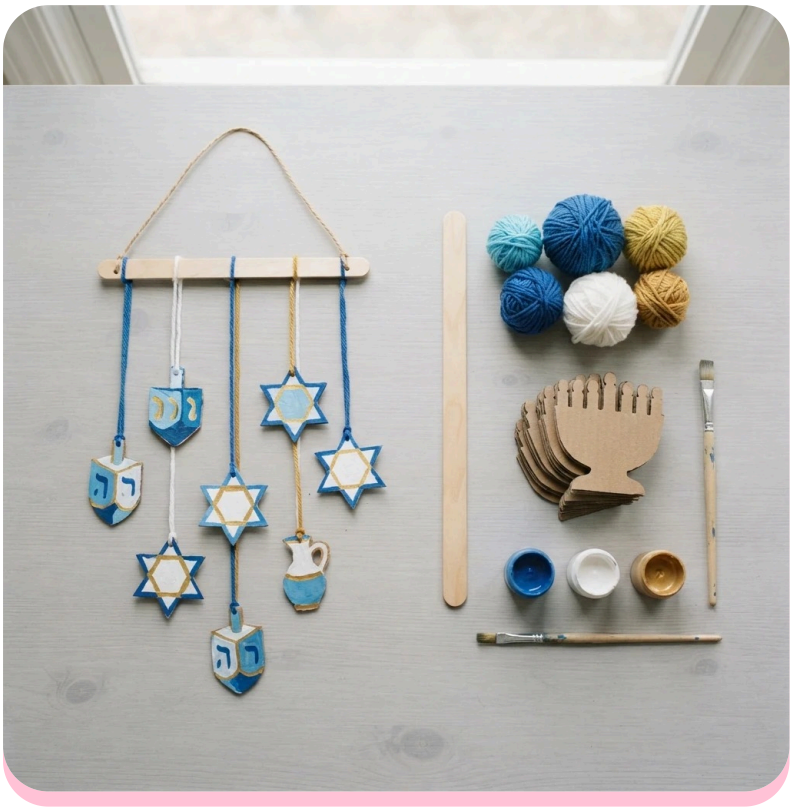
How to make it

1. Fold the card stock in half – that's the card.
2. On the folded edge, cut two parallel slits 3 cm (1¼ in) long and 3 cm apart.
3. Open the card and push the strip between the slits inward – you've made a pop-up "step".
4. Cut a dreidel from blue paper, decorate it with gold, and glue it onto the step.
5. Write a Hanukkah greeting – and send it to someone you love.

💡 **Tip:** Want another surprise? Make 2 steps of different sizes and glue a dreidel and a sufganiyah on them.

Hanukkah Symbols Mobile

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 45 min | Level: Medium ●●○



What you need

- [ ] A wooden stick or branch
- [ ] Blue and white yarn
- [ ] Cardboard
- [ ] Blue, white and gold paint and a brush
- [ ] Scissors

How to make it

1. Draw symbols on the cardboard – dreidels, stars and oil jugs – and cut them out.
2. Paint the symbols blue, white and gold on both sides.
3. Poke a small hole at the top of each symbol (adult) and thread through some yarn.
4. Tie the strings to the stick at different lengths.
5. Tie a string to both ends of the stick and hang it from the ceiling or a window.

💡 **Tip:** To keep the mobile balanced, hang symbols of similar weight on both sides.

Pasta Menorah

👧 Age 4+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] Rigatoni pasta (tubes)
- [ ] Gold and blue paint and a brush
- [ ] Dark blue cardboard
- [ ] Orange tissue paper
- [ ] White glue

How to make it

1. Paint 9 pasta tubes – alternating gold and blue – and let them dry.
2. Glue 8 tubes in a row on the cardboard, standing up or lying down.
3. Glue the shamash in the middle on top of another tube so it stands taller.
4. Scrunch bits of orange tissue paper and push them into the top of each tube.
5. Let it dry completely before moving it.

💡 **Tip:** Other pasta shapes (bow ties, shells) can decorate the base.

Blue & White Paper Chain

👧 Age 3+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Easy ●○○



What you need

- [ ] Blue and white paper strips (2×15 cm / 1×6 in)
- [ ] Small paper dreidels
- [ ] A stapler or glue stick
- [ ] String

How to make it

1. Fold a strip into a ring and staple (or glue) the ends.
2. Thread the next strip through the ring and close it too – alternating blue and white.
3. Keep going until the chain is as long as you want.
4. Glue paper dreidels onto some of the rings.
5. Hang it on the wall, the door, or over the holiday table.

💡 **Tip:** Counting game: each child adds one ring a day, and together you count how many days are left until Hanukkah.

Ancient Oil Jar from a Bottle

👧 Age 6+ | ⏱ 30 min | Level: Medium ●●○ | ✋ With an adult



What you need

- [ ] A small empty glass bottle
- [ ] Twine or gold string
- [ ] A little air-dry clay
- [ ] Olive oil
- [ ] Glue

How to make it

1. Spread glue on the bottle and wrap the string around it, row after row.
2. Leave part of the bottle uncovered so the oil shows.
3. Make a small clay circle and press a symbol into it with the tip of a pen – that's the High Priest's seal.
4. When the clay dries, glue it onto the bottle.
5. An adult fills the bottle with olive oil and closes it.

💡 **Tip:** Tell the children the story of the little jar of oil sealed by the High Priest – that burned for eight days.

Wooden Spoon Maccabee Puppets

👧 Age 5+ | ⏱ 40 min | Level: Medium ●●○



What you need

- [ ] Wooden spoons
- [ ] Fabric scraps
- [ ] Paint and a thin brush
- [ ] Cardboard
- [ ] White glue

How to make it

1. Paint a face on the bowl of the spoon: eyes, nose, smile and a beard.
2. Cut a small rectangle of fabric, wrap it around the handle and glue it – that's the cloak.
3. Cut a small cardboard shield and glue it onto the cloak.
4. Add a belt made of string or a strip of fabric.
5. Make a few puppets – and put on a Hanukkah story show together!

💡 **Tip:** Stand the puppets in a cup filled with sand or rice – and you have a ready-made stage.