GEOMETRIC WINDOWS

Who made it?

This art project is inspired by Tauranga artist Kelcy Taratoa's large paintings on the walls at Tauranga Art Gallery (pictured above). Kelcy's paintings are made up of lots of straight lines and geometric shapes which are inspired by tukutuku panels. He used masking tape to help make his lines straight. See if you can find more of Kelcy Taratoa's amazing art on Google.

What you will need:

- ✎ Painters tape or masking tape *
- ✎ Washable poster paint
  you can add 1 part dishwashing liquid to 3 parts paint to make it easy to clean off
- ✎ Brushes – various sizes
- ✎ Drop sheet
- ✎ Regular window cleaner or white vinegar & paper towels to remove your paint later on

* You can use electrician tape as an alternative to masking tape

Interesting fact!

Tukutuku is a traditional Māori art form. They are the woven panels found in wharenui (meeting houses) placed between poupou (wall carvings). There are many kinds of tukutuku patterns made up of different geometric shapes each with special meaning.

Get ready to make some art!

Step 1

Choose a window to create your art on and make a border around the edge with your masking tape.

Step 2

Inside the border you have made, start masking with the tape to create different kinds of straight lines and shapes with the tape.
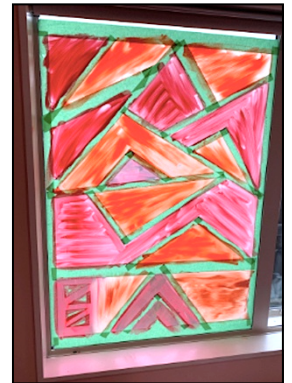
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Masking is an art technique using tape or another item to block off portions of a surface while painting.
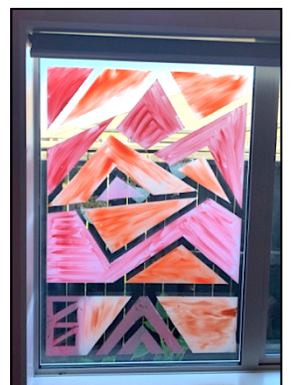

Step 3

Choose the colours of paints you would like to use and mix 3/4 paint with a 1/4 dishwashing liquid – this makes it easier to clean off your window later on ☺ Next put down your drop sheet and begin painting the window, remember to paint over the tape.

Step 4

Once the paint is completely dry carefully peel off the tape to reveal your amazing geometric window artwork!

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