



Create your own Hanukkah Lamp Relief!

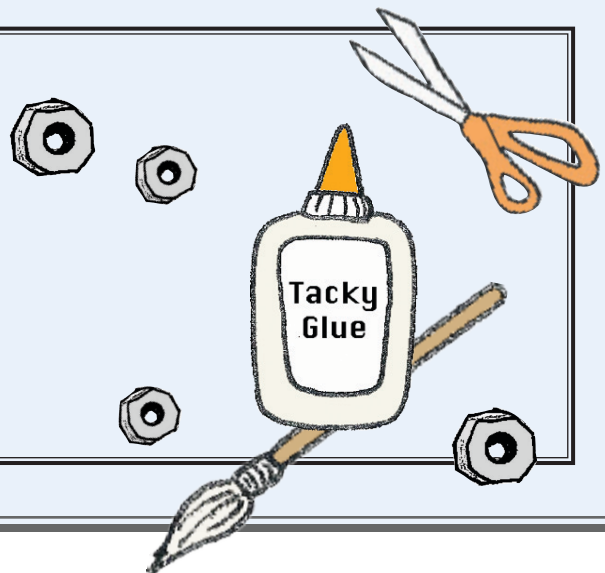


Lamp with *Hamsa* (Protective Hand), Morocco, Second half of 19th century. The Jewish Museum, New York. Gift of Elaine D. Elmaleh, F 2750a

Over the centuries Jewish communities have formed in many different parts of the world. Jewish artifacts can sometimes reflect the style and traditions specific to the places from which they came. For example, there are many unique ways to make a Hanukkah lamp, and the way a lamp looks might depend on who made it and where it was crafted. The lamp above was made in the second half of the 19th century in Morocco. The hand on the back plate is called a hamsa. This ancient symbol is seen in both Muslim and Jewish imagery and can be found in places like Morocco where Muslims and/or Jews have lived. The hamsa is meant to protect the people who surround it. What images would you use to represent the place you come from? What about mountains? Skyscrapers? Boats? Animals?

Materials you will need:

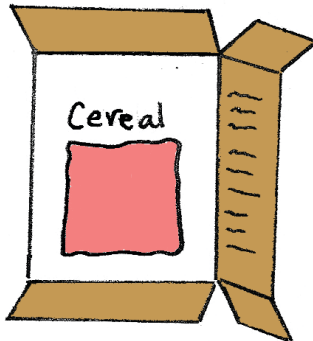
- Aluminum foil
- A large empty cereal box
- Tacky glue, tape, and a stapler
- Scissors
- A paint brush
- A small mixing container
- 10 metal nuts



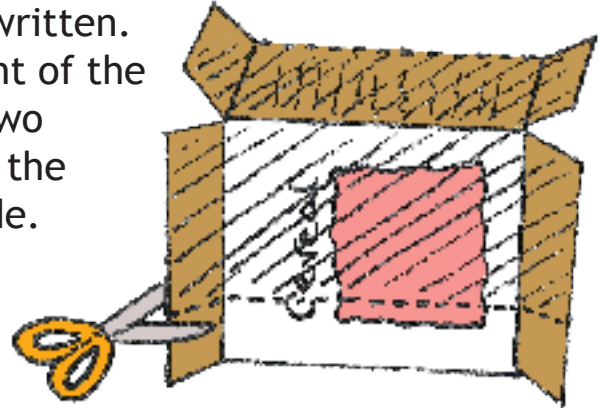


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Follow these steps!

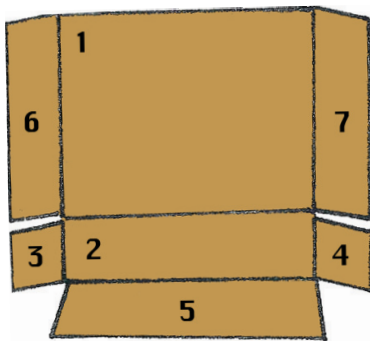


1. Open both ends of your empty cereal box. Cut away one of the long side panels where the “nutritional facts” are sometimes written. Then cut away the front of the box, but leave about two inches of cardboard at the bottom of the front side.



** Don't throw out the cardboard you just cut, we will use it in a few minutes.

2. Flatten the entire piece and lay it down with the inside of the cereal box face up. Think about what images best represent the place that you come from. You can start by loosely mapping out your ideas with a pencil.



3. Once you are ready, draw your images on the pieces of board you saved from the cereal box and cut them out. If you have thicker cardboard, you can use it as well to create different levels in your final image.

4. Now spend some time arranging your images in interesting ways on the section of the box marked **1**. You can try layering parts of your images and shapes to make new ones and add dimension. When you are finished, securely tape your images to the cardboard.



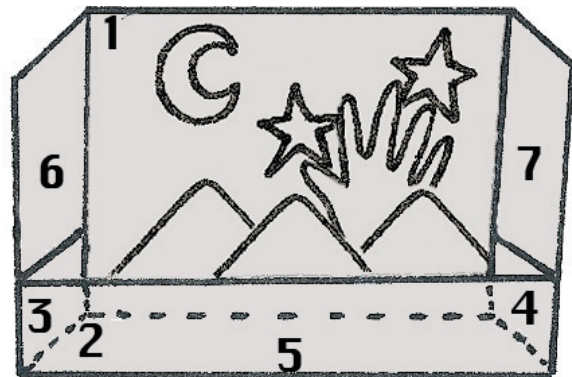
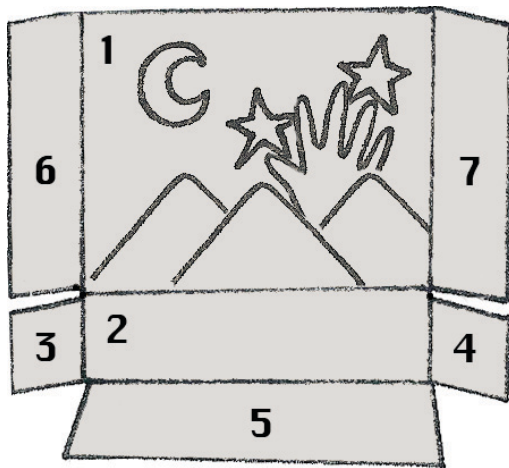
5. Combine three parts tacky glue and one part water in a small container and mix them together. Using a paintbrush, cover your cardboard collage with the glue mixture.

6. Cut a piece of aluminum foil, bigger than the cardboard, and place it over the glue, shiny side up. Carefully rub the surface with your hand, making sure not to rip the foil. Smooth out the foil until you can see your entire image etched into the foil. Pay close attention to the edges of your shapes.



7. Cover the rest of your cardboard with the glue mixture and wrap the entire piece in foil.

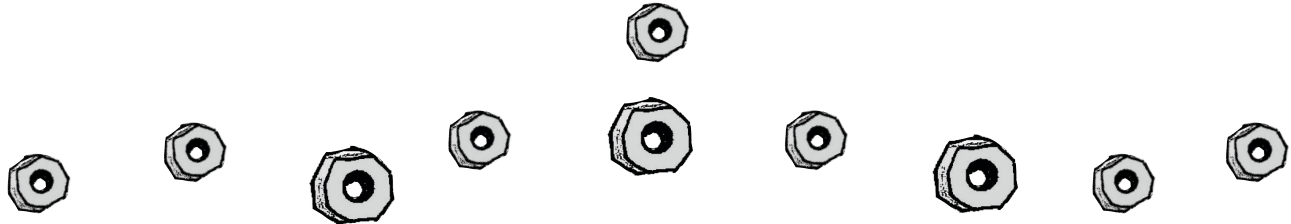
8. Fold up the panel labeled **2** and then the flaps that are marked **3**, **4** and **5**. Finally, fold the side flaps marked **6** and **7** inward and staple them securely together where they overlap.



If you covered **3** and **6** in the same piece of foil, you may need to make a small cut in the tinfoil between flaps **3** and **6** as well as **4** and **7**.

Now you have a base for your Hanukkah lamp and you can stand it up!

9. Glue the 10 metal nuts to the base of your lamp in an interesting way to represent the candleholders. You can stack and glue two on top of each other to make the Shamash, or helper candle, taller.



Your Hanukkah relief sculpture is finished!

Exhibit your sculpture by hanging it on the wall or putting it in a special place for the holiday.

You used some interesting materials to make this relief sculpture, however, they are not safe to light. If you do put candles in your lamp, please do not light them. You can enjoy your Hanukkah sculpture as a work of art.

