

Hanukkah Candle

Duplicate the candle on light blue construction paper or cardstock.
(You will need one candle per child, even though there are two on a page.)

Cut the following construction paper:

Flame: 1" x 2" yellow (one per child)

Patterning squares: Lots of 1/2" x 1/2" squares of white and dark blue paper.

Directions:

Read or tell the children about Hanukkah and its related traditions.

Tell the children to cut out their Hanukkah Candles and add the flame by cutting off the corners of the yellow rectangle. Then designate a pattern that they should make on their candles. Children may make the pattern of their choice or a pattern that you choose for them, depending upon what you feel they most need to work on. I usually have some of my lower groups work on contrasting AB with ABC patterns and naming them, while some of my higher groups are allowed to choose their own patterns to build. However, I do often give my highest groups the instructions that they can NOT make certain patterns that I knew they already had mastered long ago, such as an AB or ABC pattern. It has to be something different. This presents an interesting challenge, as the children struggle to eliminate certain patterns in their minds in order to follow these directions. It's good practice!



