

PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS

Craft Instructions

Breastplate
Exodus 28:15-20

Materials:

- Felt - red, blue and purple
- Cardboard for reinforcement around 9" ($22\frac{3}{4}$ cm) by 9" ($22\frac{3}{4}$ cm)
- Scissors
- Tacky glue or hot glue
- Ruler
- Ribbon or cord - gold
- Optional: blue and or extra gold ribbon or cord for hanging or wearing
- Stones or gems - 12 clear (to be painted) or colored stones or gems



Here is the link for the video for this craft page:

<https://youtu.be/gc1G0qPg2-g>

Parent/Teacher preparation:

We will be using the stones made for last weeks craft with this project. This is to show the connection between the stones offered to Yahweh, and what they were used for. If the stones from last week were not created, we have included the instructions for the 12 stones here. Optional: use pre-colored stones. If you choose this option, you may skip the painting instructions. The idea is to have a visual aid connecting some of the contributions made by the Yisra'elites to one of the things Yahweh instructed them to make using those contributions; in this case the breastplate.

Materials for stones:

- Clear flat stones (if not using pre-colored stones)
- Paints or nail polish - different colors
- Peel and stick hook and loop (like Velcro)
- Paint brush
- Pallet for paint
- Cup of water for washing the paint brush

Instructions for stones:

- Paint the back side of the 12 clear stones in different colors. There are many variations of what the stones colors could have been. Some of the stones are obvious in color, some are not. Since this is intended to be a visual aid there is no need to do deep research on exact colors.
- Have fun painting the stones. Nail polish sets faster than paint, so different colors may be used instead of paint (or a mix of both).
- After the paint or polish is dried, attach a piece of the loop to the back of each stone.

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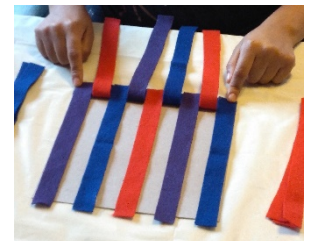
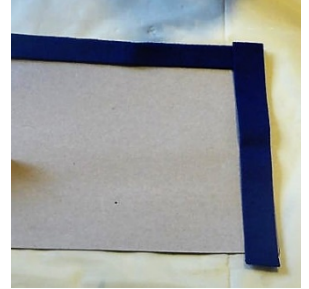
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Instructions for Breastplate:

- Cut the felt into 18 strips of 1" ($2\frac{1}{2}$ cm) wide by 9" ($22\frac{3}{4}$ cm) long. We did 6 strips of each of the 3 colors.
- Note: the weave may be done in any order, as the idea is to show the materials interwoven. The description will reflect how we put the materials together.
- Glue the edge of one blue felt piece on the corner of the cardboard laying horizontally.
- Place another blue strip vertically from the one just glued down.
- Glue the second blue strip to the top of the first blue strip in the corner where they overlap. This will create an L shape.
- Lift up the horizontal strip and glue the edge of a strip of red next to the vertical strip and on the cardboard.
- Bring the horizontal strip back down and glue it on top of the red strip.
- Take a strip of purple and lay it on top of the horizontal strip next to the last vertical strip. Glue the edge on top of horizontal strip.
- Follow this pattern until there are 9 strips in an over and under pattern all the way across the bottom.

Next, work on the horizontal strips as well as weaving the piece.

- Lift up the second vertical strip and every other strip across. Pull them all the way to the edge of the horizontal strip.
- Place a strip of red horizontally next to the first blue strip.
- Glue one edge of the red in place.
- Once it is straight, glue the opposite edge of the red to the edge of the last vertical strip. (As the weave pattern is being attached, glue the bottom strip to the cardboard. Also glue the strip that ends on the top.)



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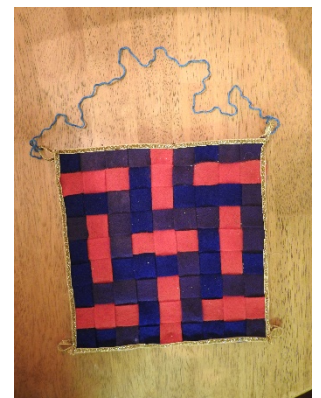
Instructions for the craft cont'd:

- Bring all the vertical strips back down over the new horizontal strip.
- Bring the first vertical strip and every other strip down and against the second horizontal strip.
- Take a purple strip and glue it to the edge of the first vertical strip and above second horizontal strip.
- Once it is straight, glue the opposite end down.
- Follow the same pattern going over and under until all but 1 strip is used.
- To finish off the piece. Follow the over and under pattern, but glue each strip edge to the cardboard and to each other to make sure all pieces are secured.
- Make sure all edges are straight and glued securely to the cardboard.



Finishing the Breastplate:

- Cut the gold ribbon or cord into pieces about 2" (5 cm) long.
- Turn the piece over to the back. Fold the ribbon into a loop and glue the ends together at one corner of the finished piece. Repeat for all 4 corners.
- Glue the gold ribbon or cord on all 4 sides to give the breastplate a finished look.
- Optional ideas: cover the back with 1 solid piece of felt. Use gold dimensional paint to make circles for the stones to mark placement on the breastplate.
- Arrange the stones in 4 rows of 3 on the finished breastplate. They will attach by the hook strip and can be moved around.
- The breastplate can be worn or it can hang on the wall. If hanging it, put gold cord or ribbon at the top and blue cord or ribbon at the bottom loops.



This will be a visual reminder of the breastplate and also help to understand the need for the contributions from the previous parsha.