SHQ: How do I design a stained glass window?

Stained glass windows are windows that are made of coloured glass sections that are arranged to make a picture of design.

stained glass is **glass** that has been coloured by adding metallic salts during its manufacture. The coloured **glass** is crafted into **stained glass windows** in which small pieces of **glass** are arranged to form patterns or pictures, held together (traditionally) by strips of lead and supported by a rigid frame.

When the light shines through stained glass windows, the room becomes flooded with coloured light which is why these windows are so popular. Traditionally, stained glass windows are found in churches and cathedrals but today, many different buildings used stained glass in their windows.

Your task is to design a stained glass window. You can use one of the templates provided or you can search on the internet for other ideas for the shape of your window. Think carefully about the symbols that you will include in your design…you could use some religious symbols linked to the writing you have been doing this week, or you could create symbols of your own.

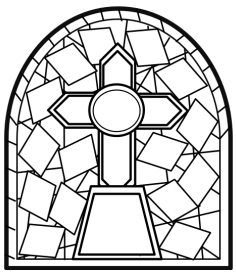
Colour your design carefully remembering that the colours you choose would be the colours of the light once reflected through the glass.

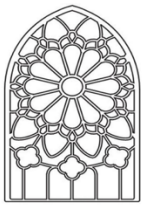
The BBC link below shows pictures and includes information about some of the most famous stained glass windows in the world which may give you some ideas for you design.

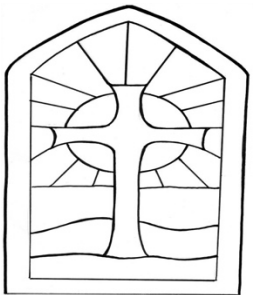
http://www.bbc.co.uk/culture/story/20140630-the-10-best-stained-glass-windows

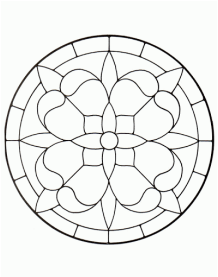
If you have coloured tissue paper available, you could try making a window using coloured paper as the glass and paper or card as the window frame, then shine a white torch light through your window and look at the colours that you create.

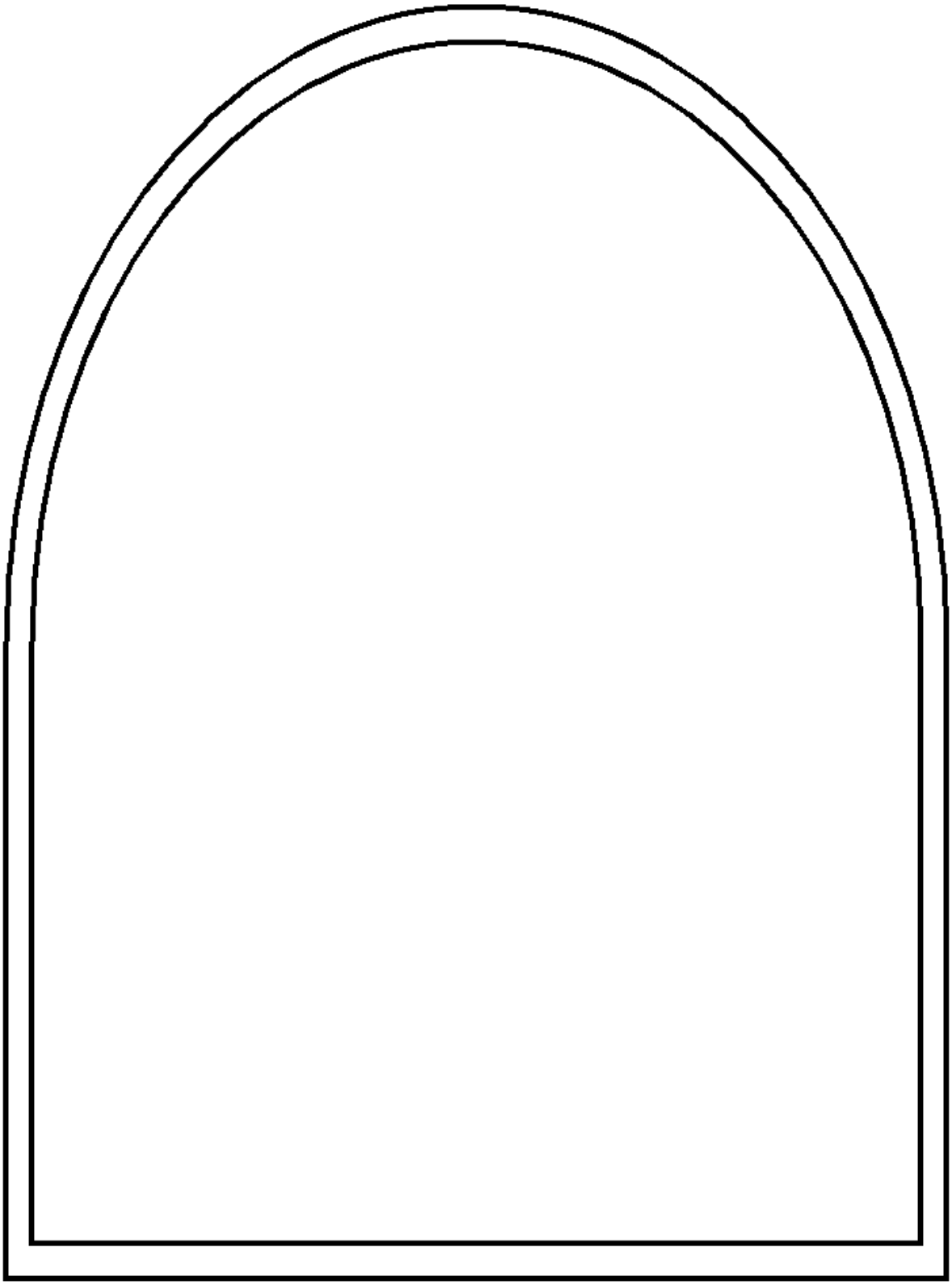
Enjoy creating your window

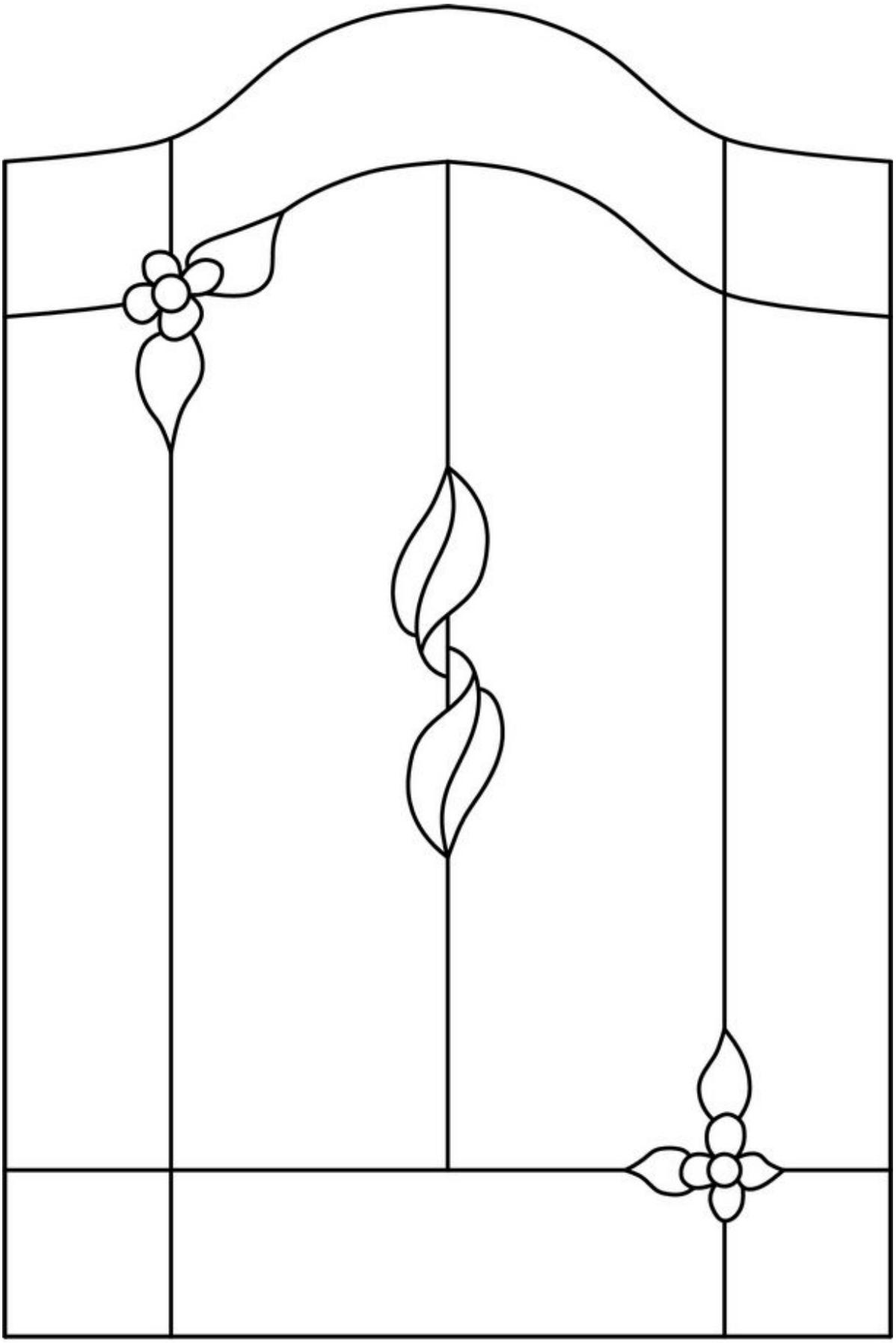












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