Peter Shire, the artist who made this playful Hanukkah lamp, or menorah, used modern ideas about color and shape in the creation of his lamp. Shire was inspired by cartoons, toys, patterns of different cultures, and bold, colorful design.

In this activity, you will combine and build with found objects to create an imaginative Hanukkah sculpture inspired by Peter Shire’s lamp.

**Materials needed:**
- Cardboard
- Small found objects such as: caps, buttons, wood pieces, sticks, broken toy parts
- Wire or twist ties
- Glue
- Paint

**Look:**
- What materials, shapes, and colors did the artist use?
- Does this sculpture remind you of anything you might find in the world around you?
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Sculptural Hanukkah Lamp

Process:
• Find a piece of cardboard and cut a long strip approximately 4 inches by 8 inches to make a base for your sculpture.
• Gather small found objects and other cardboard pieces. Stack and arrange them in a playful way. Try different possibilities before you glue them together.
• Use wire or string to wrap or hang objects from each other.
• Create slots in cardboard and build upward or sideways. See the illustration to the right.
• Glue your objects in your favorite arrangement.
• Paint both the cardboard and objects in different bright colors.
• Enjoy and display your sculpture as a decoration during the holiday. (Remember: This object is for display only as it is made of paper!)
Hanukkah Scene

This Hanukkah lamp, or menorah, was created in Jerusalem, Israel. The artist may have looked to ancient reliefs or carved wall scenes of the first Temple for inspiration, and the patterns are similar to decoration found in silver designs of Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries.

In this activity you will design a playful Hanukkah scene using cardboard, collage, and drawing.

Materials:
- Cereal box or lightweight cardboard
- Markers or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue

Look:
- What is happening within this Hanukkah menorah?
- Describe the patterns and shapes that make up the characters and animals.
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Hanukkah Scene

Process:

• Gather lightweight cardboard such as a cereal box to create your scene.

• Think about where your scene would take place and draw an outline of that place on the cardboard. Is this place from the original Hanukkah story, a memory of celebrating Hanukkah as a family, or a place from your imagination?

• What characters or animals might enter the scene? Draw these characters on separate pieces of cardboard or construction paper.

• Think about the kind of patterns you may repeat in your design that are similar to the menorah from Israel.

• Cut out all your elements and attach them to the background with glue.

• If you would like your Hanukkah scene to stand upright, cut a strip and make slots to insert your background.
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Colorful Clay Menorah

This unique Hanukkah menorah, or lamp, was designed by the Egyptian-born artist, Karim Rashid. Rashid is an industrial designer, someone who creates the form of an object that is built or produced by others. This brightly colored lamp design displays Rashid’s often imaginative and unusual choices of materials, colors, and shapes for his objects.

In this activity, you will use clay to create a Hanukkah sculpture inspired by Karim Rashid’s lamp.

Materials:
• Self-hardening clay
• Paint
• Paint brush
• Small found objects such as: buttons, bottle caps, and beads (optional)

Look:
• From what material do you think this lamp is made? What makes you say that?
• How is the design different from a traditional lamp? The artist called this lamp a Menorahmorph. Do you think the name fits the design? Why?

Process:
• Use clay to create the main part of your Hanukkah lamp sculpture.
• How might you sculpt a unique form and still include nine distinct places for candles?
• You may want to place small found objects into the clay to represent the candles.
• Add color to your sculpture using paint.

This Hanukkah lamp was made in Belarus which is in Eastern Europe. The artist created each individual candle holder by pouring melted metal into a mold of a miniature chair, then taking the hard metal pieces out of the mold once they became solid. The chairs hold oil, which is lit by using a wick placed in the oil.

In this activity you will use a variety of board, paper, and markers to create miniature chairs inspired by this Hanukkah lamp.

Materials:
• Paper
• Cardboard
• Scissors
• Markers
• Glue or tape

Look:
• How is this Hanukkah lamp different from other lamps you have seen?
• What kinds of designs or motifs do you see in the chairs?
Process:

- Start by cutting out pieces of cardboard and paper to use for the various parts of your chair.
- You may fold a rectangle or circle in half to create the seat and back of the chair.
- Then use tape and glue to add the arms and legs.
- One way to attach your pieces of board or paper is to fold small tabs at the end of your pieces. Then apply glue or tape to the back of the tabs and press the tabs onto your chair. Another technique is to cut a short slot into the center edge of each piece and slide the pieces together by connecting the slots.
- Add color using markers and attach more decorative elements to your chair with paper.
- Try creating multiple chairs and make nine chairs to form a Hanukkah lamp!