

## Installation

Installing a stained glass panel into a frame opening is simple. Just position it in the frame opening and hold it in place with either mechanical fastenings or molding. Anything that keeps it in place works. It's not a good idea to glue or caulk it in. You might someday want to remove it for repairs or take it with you when you move.

Unusually large windows are usually fabricated and installed in sections. The seams between sections is a convenient place for reinforcement.

Installing a stained glass panel into a window frame against an existing window is more difficult. It should be AT LEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the other window and should not be caulked or sealed in place. To ensure that condensation won't build up between your panel and the other window, you must provide for ventilation between them. The panel can fit fairly snug on both sides, but should be AT LEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$ " up from the bottom sill and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " down from the top. This will allow for air to flow in the bottom, up behind your panel, and out the top. The easiest way to finish off a panel installed this way is with wood molding. Drill holes or cut saw kerf notches in the molding on top and bottom to provide the needed ventilation. I suggest either drilling  $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter holes every 3 inches, or make a  $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide x  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep saw cut every 2 inches.

