

# “Stained Glass” Windows, Stencils, and Day of the Dead

# Day of the Dead is...

- a holiday where the memories of deceased loved ones are celebrated and honored.
- Artwork and other objects made for Day of the Dead include calaveras or sugar skulls, calacas, ofrendas, papel picado, and pan de muerto.

Calacas are skeleton figures, made to represent a variety of personas. Popular themes are Catrinas, Death (aka Grim Reaper), Mariachis, and brides and grooms.





Sugar skulls are molded out of sugar, and decorated with icing, glitter and foil, and sometimes have a name written on them.

Pan de muerto is a sweet bread eaten during Day of the Dead, and is decorated with bones and teardrops.



Ofrendas can be arranged in the home or at a gravesite, and can include sugar skulls, food and drink for the deceased, flowers called cempasúchitl (marigolds), candles, pictures of the deceased, and papel picado.



Papel picado is colored paper that is cut into elaborate designs. They can be hung like banners, and are often found on ofrendas for Day of the Dead.

