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HOLIDAY CRAFTS

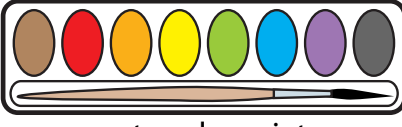
Spread some holiday cheer with these simple decorations for the season.

How to Make Snowflakes

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



coffee filter (basket type)



watercolor paints



glitter



scissors

- Lay filter flat.
- Fold in half.
- Fold in half again (and one more time if you can).
- Cut out shapes along the edge of the folded filter. These can be semi-circles, triangles or just lines.
- Open the filter and lay it flat to see your snowflake design.
- Paint your snowflake with watercolors. Add some glitter for extra holiday sparkle!

TRY THIS: You can glue several snowflakes to a long strip of red, white, gold or green paper to make a cool holiday table runner.

How to Make an Ice Wreath

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



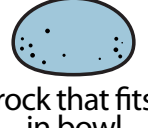
round cake pan (or bundt pan)



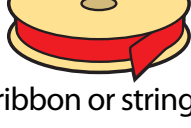
berries, leaves, small flowers



small bowl



rock that fits in bowl



ribbon or string

- Fill your cake pan container with water, leaving a little space at the top.
- Place bowl in center of pan and weigh down with a rock or heavy soup can.*
- Place berries and leaves in water. Freeze overnight.
- The next day, fill your sink with warm water. Put your cake pan in the water just long enough to loosen the ice ring. Remove the bowl.

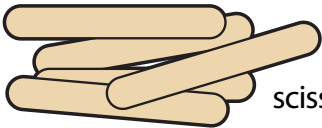
5. Carefully take ice ring out of the cake pan and tie a long ribbon to it to hang it from a tree branch outside.

The ice wreath will melt slowly, but in the meantime, you can enjoy this festive decoration!

*Skip this step if using bundt pan.

Make Mini Christmas Trees

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



craft sticks



scissors



glue



paint



chenille stem

- Cut craft sticks into five different lengths with edges angled as shown.
- Paint pieces with a variety of patterns. Let dry completely.
- Glue tree pieces onto a craft stick trunk. Glue a loop of chenille stem to hang ornament.

News Cards

Extra! Extra!

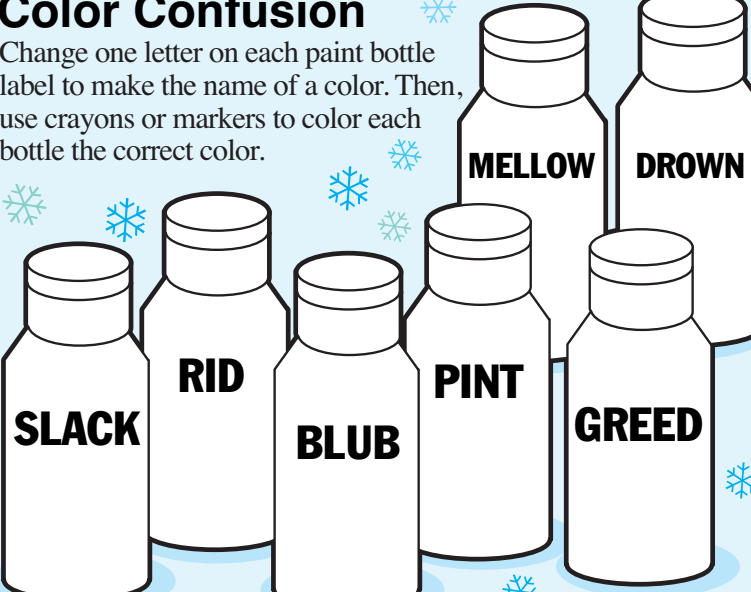
Make your own holiday cards by clipping out words and pictures from your local newspaper. Add a two-line rhyme for a special holiday greeting.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Color Confusion

Change one letter on each paint bottle label to make the name of a color. Then, use crayons or markers to color each bottle the correct color.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Weather Symbols

Look through the newspaper for a weather report. Design your own symbols for different kinds of weather conditions including frost, snow, sun, rain, wind, clouds, fog and thunder and lightning.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



What do you get when you cross a snowman with a baker?

ANSWER: Frosty the Dough Man.

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