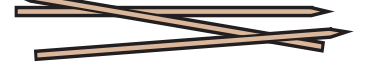


Marshmallow Snowmen

Work with a parent to make these fun holiday treats.

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

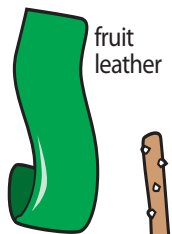
wooden skewers



marshmallows



M&M's®



fruit leather



strawberries



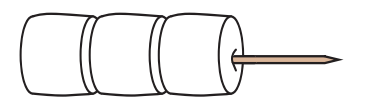
pretzel sticks



vanilla wafer



chocolate frosting



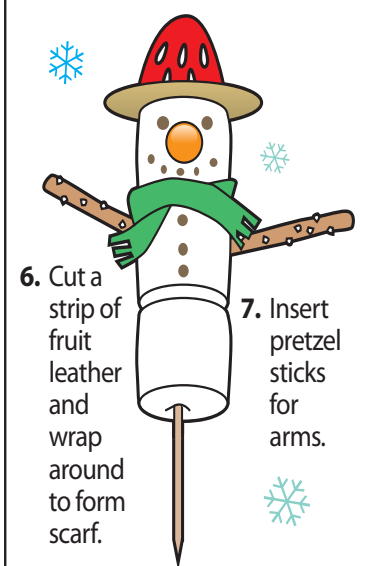
1. Thread three marshmallows onto each skewer.

2. Use frosting as glue to stick on vanilla wafer hat brim.

3. Use frosting dots to make eyes, mouth and buttons.

4. Slice off the tip of a strawberry to form the top of the hat, using frosting as glue.

5. Use a dab of frosting to glue on an orange M&M nose.



6. Cut a strip of fruit leather and wrap around to form scarf.

7. Insert pretzel sticks for arms.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
DESIGN

The noun **design** means the arrangement of parts into something being created.

The **design** of the coat featured extra pockets and a layer of warm fleece.

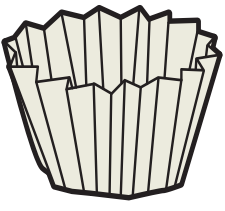
Try to use the word **design** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

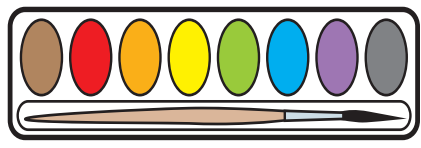
Spread some holiday cheer with these simple decorations for the season.

How to Make Snowflakes

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



coffee filter (basket type)



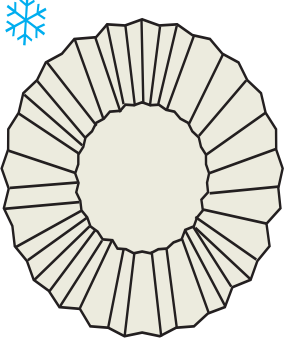
watercolor paints



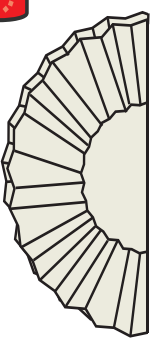
glitter



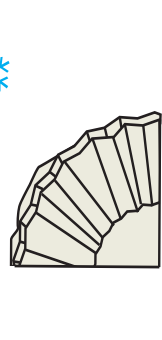
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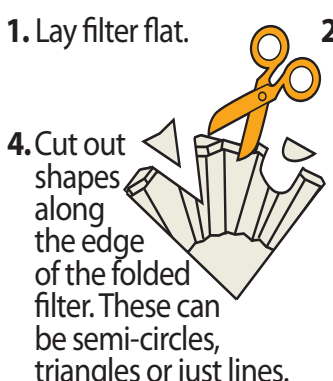
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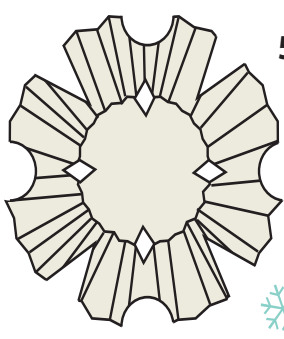
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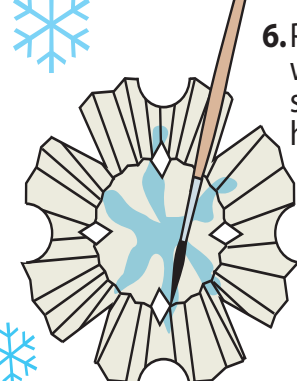
3. Fold in half again (and one more time if you can).



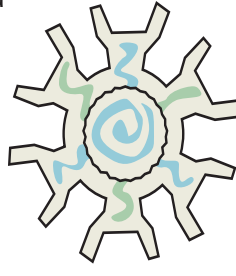
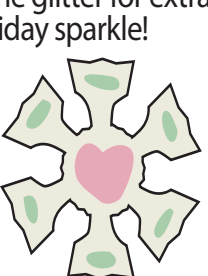
4. Cut out shapes along the edge of the folded filter. These can be semi-circles, triangles or just lines.



5. Open the filter and lay it flat to see your snowflake design.



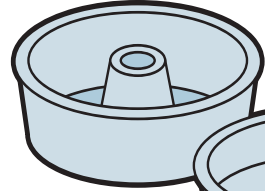
6. Paint your snowflake with watercolors. Add some glitter for extra holiday sparkle!



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

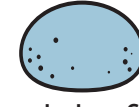
STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



round cake pan (or bundt pan)



small bowl



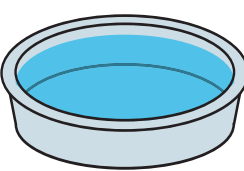
rock that fits in bowl



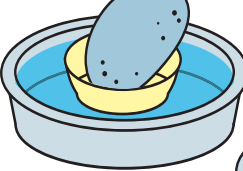
berries, leaves, small flowers



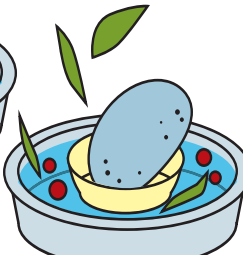
ribbon or string



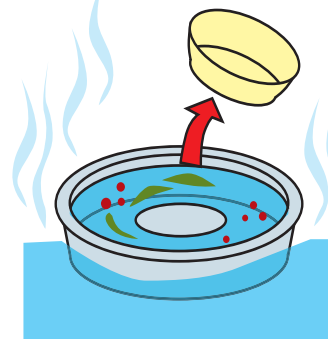
1. Fill your cake pan container with water, leaving a little space at the top.



2. Place bowl in center of pan and weigh down with a rock or heavy soup can.*



3. Place berries and leaves in water. Freeze overnight.



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.



Extra! Extra! News Cards

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.

Make Mini Christmas Trees

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



craft sticks



scissors



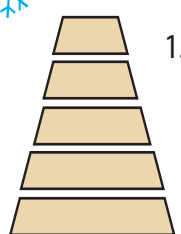
glue



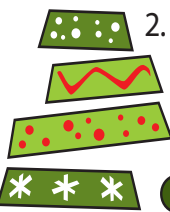
paint



chenille stem



1. Cut craft sticks into five different lengths with edges angled as shown.



2. Paint pieces with a variety of patterns. Let dry completely.

How many snowflakes can you find on this page?



3. Glue tree pieces onto a craft stick trunk. Glue a loop of chenille stem to hang ornament.

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.



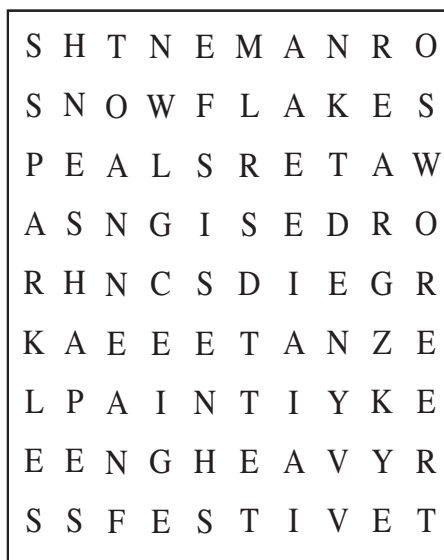
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

SNOWFLAKES
ORNAMENT

HOLIDAY
SPARKLE
FESTIVE
WREATH
DESIGN
FREEZE
SHAPES
PAINT
HEAVY
WATER
SINK
TREE
ICE

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

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.

Write On!

Winter Poem

Write a poem about winter that is no more than five lines long.