

Winter Crafts

Popsicle Sticks Snowman

Materials:

7 Jumbo craft sticks
White and black spray paint
Scrap of cardboard
Decorative ribbon
2 googly eyes
5 small rocks or fabric paint
Orange felt

**Directions:**

Paint 6 sticks white and 1 stick black. Allow the paint to dry. Paint the top 2” of the white sticks black. Glue the 6 sticks to the scrap of cardboard. Glue the black stick to the white stick to form the brim. Wrap the ribbon around the brim of the hat and glue in back. Glue the googly eyes to the snowman’s face. Cut a triangle from the orange felt to create a nose. Glue to the snowman’s face. Glue the 5 stones or use fabric paint to form a smile.

Clay Pot Snowman

Materials:

Small clay pot
Medium clay pot
White and black paint
Googly eyes
Orange felt
Paintbrush
Ribbon



Directions:

Paint the medium pot white and the small pot black. Allow to dry. Turn the black pot upside down and glue the ribbon on top of the rim of the pot. Turn the white pot upside down and place the black pot onto of it as the hat.

Glue 2 eyes to the white pot. Cut a small triangle out of orange felt and glue it onto the white pot to form the carrot nose. Use black paint to make dots in the shape of a smile under the carrot nose.

Snow Globe Glitter

Materials:

Baby food jar with lid
Corn syrup
Glitter in interesting shapes and colors
Popsicle
Water
Hot glue gun



Directions:

Fill the jar $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way with corn syrup. Fill the rest of the jar with water. Stir until the corn syrup is dissolved. Sprinkle in the glitter. Hot glue the lid to the jar. Shake the jar and watch the snow swirl.

Styrofoam Penguin

Materials:

Styrofoam egg
Black and white paint
Paintbrush
Black, orange, red, and green felt
Cotton balls
2 googly eyes
Glue
Scissors
Popsicle stick



Directions:

Cut a small portion off the bottom of the Styrofoam egg so that it sits flat. Paint most of the egg black. Paint a small oval shape of white on the front of the egg to be the penguin's stomach.

Cut 2 oval shapes of black felt for the wings. Glue to either side of the egg. Cut 2 triangles out of orange felt for feet and glue them to the bottom of the egg. Glue 2 googly eyes to the penguin's face. Cut a triangle from orange felt and glue it under the eyes for a beak. Cut a small bowtie out of red felt and glue it under the beak. Cut a hat shape out of green felt.

Pull apart a cotton ball and glue a small amount to the tip of the hat. Glue some cotton to the bottom of the hat. Glue a popsicle stick to the back of the hat and insert into the top of the penguin's head.

Snow Globe

Materials:

A glass jar with a lid
Sandpaper
Plastic figurines
Clear-drying epoxy
Glitter
Glycerin



Directions:

Scratch the inside of the lid with sandpaper. Using clear-drying epoxy, glue the figurines to the inside of the lid. Let dry.

Fill the jar almost to the top with water. Add glitter and a bit of glycerin. Carefully screw the lid on, turn over, and watch the snow fall.

Popcorn Wreath

Materials:

Popcorn
Waxed dental floss
Needle
Paper plate



Directions:

Cut center out of a paper plate. Cut a 3-foot length of floss and tie to one end of the plate. Thread the other end through needle and string the popcorn. Wrap the strand around the plate. Add more strands to fill in the gaps if necessary. Tie with a festive ribbon.

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House

Materials:

Boxes of graham crackers
Sturdy paper plate
Empty milk or juice cartons
White frosting
Gumdrops, candy canes, pretzels, etc.
Small ice cream cone
Tubes of colored frosting



Directions:

Use frosting to glue the graham cracker pieces to the sides of the cartons. Also attach some crackers to the top for the roof. Place the house on a paper plate to be used as a base.

Use frosting, candies, pretzels and other items to create doors and windows and other decorations. Cover the ice cream cone with green frosting and turn upside on the plate. Decorate.

Real Crystal Snowflake

Materials:

Wide-mouthed jar
3 white pipe cleaners
String
Scissors
Pencil
Boiling water
Spoon
Borax



Directions:

Make a giant snowflake frame from 3 white pipe cleaners and string. Twist the 3 pipe cleaners together in the center to make a 6-sided, spiky figure. Tie the string around the pipe cleaners to look like a snowflake shape. Trim the excess string.

Tie a few inches of string to one of the pipe cleaners. Tie the other end of the string to a pencil, so that the snowflake will hang from the pencil and dangle inside the jar. Make sure the snowflake will fit in the jar.

Pour boiling water into the jar. Add the Borax to the hot water in the jar. Keep adding the Borax until you have a supersaturated solution. You'll have to add about 3 tablespoons of the Borax to each cup of hot water in the jar. Allow to stand overnight.

Hankie Holder

Materials:

Felt
Glue
Needle
Thread



Directions:

Cut a 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle of felt with pinking shears. Fold in edges to meet at center. Sew the ends with a running stitch in a contrasting color. Backstitch an initial on a cut out heart or other shape. Apply with fabric glue.