

Winter Crafts

Beaded Snowflake Craft

- Supplies:

- Three silver pipe cleaners
- Assorted beads
- One ribbon for hanging

- Instructions:

1. Bend pipe cleaners in half, linking them at the bend and twisting them together to form a six-pointed snowflake shape (make sure to twist tightly or your snowflake will be floppy).
2. Slide beads onto each point of the pipe cleaner as desired (don't overfill each point or they'll become droopy).
3. Fold over ends of each point to hold beads in place.
4. Affix ribbon to one end for hanging.



Paint Stick Snowman Ruler Craft

- Supplies:
 - Paint sticks (pre-painted white)
 - Ruler
 - Construction paper, ribbon, black permanent markers
- Instructions:
 1. Have the kids take a white paint stick and add lines and numbers for measuring using a permanent marker. Use a ruler if you want it to be precise.
 2. Add a scarf using ribbon, but out a hat and nose using construction paper, and, draw on eyes and a mouth using marker.
 3. Use it to measure how much snow has fallen!



Winter Hat Picture Magnet Craft

- Supplies:

- Foam craft paper (pre-cut or not)
- Photo of each child
- Puff ball
- Magnet
- Or you can purchase an entire kit [here](#)

- Instructions:

1. Cut foam paper into hat shape and decorate
2. Glue puff ball to the top and photo to the middle
3. Glue magnet to the back



Winter Frame Craft

- Supplies:

- Frame containing each child's picture
 - Parents can pre-make a popsicle stick frame or purchase something similar, and
 - Have pre-printed photos of each child taken a few weeks earlier already affixed to frame
- Cotton balls
- Glitter glue
- One ribbon for hanging (optional)

- Instructions:

1. Have students decorate their frames using glitter glue and cotton balls, or whatever supplies (crayons, markers, etc.) already in the classroom.
2. Affix ribbon for hanging if desired.

Penguin Craft

- Supplies:

- Black paper oval
- Large white heart
- Three small orange hearts
- Googly eyes
- Glue*

} These paper items should be pre-cut for younger students, but older kids could probably cut their own.

- Instructions:

1. Glue the large white heart on the black oval
2. Glue one small orange heart on the white heart, and the two remaining orange hearts at the bottom of the oval
3. Glue on googly eyes



Cotton Ball Snowman Craft

- Supplies:

- Cardstock snowman figure
- Cotton balls
- Googly eyes
- Felt or foam pieces for hat, carrot nose, scarf and buttons
- Glue*

- Instructions:

1. Apply glue all over the inside of the snowman outline.
2. Place cotton balls on top of the glue.
3. Apply googly eyes.
4. Decorate with hat, carrot nose, buttons, and scarf.
5. If desired, add other embellishments (such as arms or snowflakes) using classroom markers.



Snowman Cup Craft

- Supplies:
 - Styrofoam cup
 - Pompoms
 - Buttons
 - Pipe cleaner
 - Felt scarf/nose/cheeks
 - Glue*
- Instructions:
 1. Use glue to affix felt cheeks, nose, and scarf to cup
 2. Affix button eyes and mouth
 3. Affix pipe cleaner to the top of the cup, and cover ends with pompom earmuffs



*Verify supplies are already in classroom

Winter Games

Pin the Carrot on the Snowman Game



Other variations include “Pin the Hat on the Polar Bear” or “Pin the Bowtie on the Skeleton” for Halloween

- Setting Up:
 - Provide one large snowman poster** and a blindfold for each class, and one small orange “carrot” (with tape) for each student
- Playing the Game:
 1. Line up students, each with their own “carrot”
 2. Blindfold and spin students, one at a time, and then let them attempt to affix their carrot on the nose of the snowman



** If you make a snowman poster for this game and are unlikely to use it again, please consider donating it to the PTO Room Parent Committee for use in future room parties!

Snowball Toss Game

- Setting Up:
 - Provide one snowman box** and several snowballs for each classroom
- Playing the Game:
 1. Have students make a single file line approximately 5 feet from the snowman box.
 2. Each child takes a turn throwing three balls at the snowman's mouth, trying to feed him the snowball.
 3. Continue until everyone has had a turn.
 4. To add some fun, have students skip, twirl, crab-walk or dance as they return to the end of the line!



** No need to make your own! These boxes (and snowballs) already exist. Ask Room Parent chairs about reusing them!

Snowman Dice Game

<https://www.somewhatsimple.com/snowman-dice-game/>

- Setting Up:
 - Provide each student one snowman printout
 - Divide students into small groups, and provide each group with one die
- Playing the Game:
 1. Have students cut out all the accessories from the printout and set to the side.
 2. The game starts with the youngest person and will continue clockwise. Roll the die and collect the accessory for the number you roll. Place that piece on the body of your snowman.
 3. If you roll a number for a part you already have, play passes to the next player.
 4. The first person to have all their accessories on their snowman wins!



Cotton Ball Hockey

- Setting Up:
 - Divide the class into four equal teams.
 - Push four desks together, if necessary, to create a larger “hockey rink”. You need one “rink” for every two teams.
- Playing the Game:
 1. Two teams line up on opposite ends of the table with arms interlocked and hands on hips.
 2. Place one cotton ball in the middle of the table.
 3. Each team tries to blow the cotton ball off their opponent’s side of the table to score a goal.
 4. The first team to score five goals wins!

Draw Your Own Snowman Game

- Setting Up:
 - Give each student a paper plate and a pen/pencil/marker.
 - Have students place the paper plate on their head.
- Playing the Game:
 - One by one, have a room parent give the following instructions:
 1. Draw a line for the ground
 2. Draw a large snowball for the base.
 3. Draw a medium snowball on top of the large one.
 4. Draw a small snowball on top for the head.
 5. Draw a carrot nose.
 6. Draw two eyes and a mouth of dots.
 7. Draw a scarf at the neck.
 8. Draw two stick arms.
 9. Draw a top hat on top of the head.
 - Have each student remove the plate from their heads and show their classmate.
 - You can even have the class vote on which drawing was best.

Snowball Pass Game

- Setting Up:
 - Have students sit in a circle.
 - Provide each student with a spoon.
- Playing the Game:
 1. Put one cotton ball on a student's spoon.
 2. Without touching the ball with their hands, have the students pass the ball from spoon to spoon around the circle.
 3. If the ball drops, they can pick it up.
 4. Optional: time the class to see how long it takes to pass the cotton ball around the circle. Then see if they can break their record!



Snowball Race

- Setting Up:
 - Divide the class into equal teams.
 - Provide each student with a straw and cotton ball.
 - Mark a starting line and finish line.
- Playing the Game:
 1. This game can be played as a team relay race or an individual race against 4-5 other players
 2. Tell students they must move their cotton ball from the starting line to the finish line using only the straw. Tip: don't tell them how to use the straw (they can use it like a hockey stick, blow through the straw, use suction, etc.)
 3. The first to the finish line wins!



Snowman Hats or Buttons Game

- Setting Up:
 - Have students stand, remaining at their desks.
- Playing the Game:
 1. Like the well known Heads or Tails game, each child chooses “hat” by placing their hands on their heads or “buttons” by placing their hands on their stomach.
 2. A parent flips a coin, hats=heads while buttons=tails.
 3. Students who chose correctly remain standing to play another round, while all others sit down.
 4. Continue the game until only one child (the winner!) remains standing.

Minute to Win it Snowball Game

- Setting Up:
 - Divide students up into small groups.
 - Provide each group with one cup, one pair of chopsticks, and a pile of cotton balls
- Playing the Game:
 1. Each student will be given one minute to pick up as many cotton balls as possible and place them into the cup using the chopsticks only.
 2. Rotate around the group to let each person take a turn.
 3. Whoever is able to pick up the most cotton balls in a minute wins!



Word Scramble Game

- Setting Up:
 - Divide the students into small groups.
 - Each group will need a pencil and a piece of paper.
 - Provide each group with the letters of a winter-themed word (ex. SNOWFLAKE, MITTENS, SLEDDING, SNOWBALL, ICE SKATING, etc.)
- Playing the Game:
 1. Once the timer starts, each team will be given three minutes to rearrange the letters to create as many words as they can.
 2. Have the students keep a list of all the words they come up with.
 3. After three minutes is up, collect the letters and pass them around the room so each group gets a new word each round.

Snowball Blow Relay Race

- Setting Up:
 - Divide the students into four teams.
 - Provide each student one straw, and each team an equal number of cotton balls.
- Playing the Game:
 1. A cotton ball is set up at one end of a desk, and the child must blow the cotton ball through the straw, to a cup/container at the other end of the desk.
 2. After they blow the cotton ball across, they go to the end of the line and the next child takes a turn.
 3. The first team to get all their cotton balls into the container wins!