



Winter Wonderland Crafts

Ice Crystals

Ingredients:

- pipe cleaners
- string
- pencil
- deep bowl, pot or jar
- Borax
- Food coloring (whatever you have on hand!)
- boiling water

Instructions:

1. Twist three 5-inch pieces of pipe cleaner together to form a snowflake, add a 1 1/2-inch piece to each point (optional)
2. Tie the flake with string to a pencil. Find a big enough jar so the suspended flake won't touch the sides
3. Fill bowl with 3 tablespoons borax and 1 drop blue food coloring per 1 cup of boiling water. Hang the snowflake in the jar. Let sit overnight; remove.

Gingerbread House

Ingredients:

- Graham crackers sheets, broken into two pieces (you can use chocolate and regular flavor!)
- White Frosting (optional: add in a little food coloring to make it colorful)
- Candy canes (whole or crushed)
- M&Ms, skittles
- Licorice (i.e. red vines)
- Gum drops
- Mini marshmallows
- Sprinkles
- A large plate
- A dull knife
- Pastry bag for piping, optional



Instructions:

1. Place one graham cracker on a large plate; spread frosting, either with a knife or pastry bag, on each edge of the cracker and gently press another graham cracker on each side to create a box **(you should have a floor and four walls!)**
2. You can put a lid on the top of the box (to create a cube) or create a roof - take 2 graham crackers and spread frosting on the underneath side on two opposite edges of each cracker
3. Once the roof is on top of the "cube", gently spread frosting with a knife or pastry bag at the top of the roof where the top edges meet (also called the ridge!)
4. Now you can take your candy choices to create your gingerbread look! Each item you stick onto the house, put a dollop of frosting to the back so it sticks to the graham cracker; you can also make a lawn of goodies too
 - a. Candy canes – crush and add to the roof
 - b. M&Ms – line the roof or the edges of the house, make a walking path
 - c. Licorice – cut up into smaller pieces to make squares for windows, use for tree branches
 - d. Marshmallows – use to decorate the roof, sides of house, make a tree trunk
 - e. Sprinkles – use to decorate roof, the lawn

Paper chains:

Ingredients:

- Paper, 8.5 x 11 in any colors you want
- Scissors
- Glue Stick

Instructions:

1. Cut paper into 1" strips, about 10 strips per sheet
2. Rub glue on one end of the strip and connect the other side to make a loop
3. Thread another strip through the loop and repeat the process!

Paper Snowflakes:

Ingredients:

- Paper
 - 8.5 x 11 in any colors you want
 - OR square paper (origami paper, etc.)
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. If you have 8.5 x 11 paper, we will need to make it into a square
2. Hold your paper upright or portrait
3. Take top right corner and fold it down to the opposite side
4. Cut off bottom rectangle
5. Open the paper and you have a square!
6. Fold left corner down to create a triangle
7. Fold in half to create a triangle
8. Hold the bottom point of the triangle and fold each side in roughly 30 degrees
9. Flip the shape over so the horizontal fold is facing you



10. Cut along the horizontal edge
11. Cut any shapes you want out of the triangle you have
12. Once you are done, open it up and see the amazing snowflake!

Popcorn or Cheerios garland:

Ingredients:

- Popcorn or Cheerios or fruit loops
- Yarn, string, fishing line, etc.
- Scissors
- Needle or paperclip

Instructions:

1. If you are using popcorn and it isn't popped, get popping!
2. Take the string you plan to use and tie a knot in the end
3. Make sure your knot is big enough to keep the popcorn or Cheerios on!
4. If you are using popcorn, you will need to use a needle or paperclip to string it on
5. Carefully place the food of choice on the string and continue until you reach a desired length
6. Tie the other end and hang up to decorate!

How to Make snow:

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup hair conditioner
- 1 ½ cups baking soda

Instructions:

1. Find a large container to be able to mix the items in
2. Add 1 ½ cups baking soda to the container
3. Add ¼ cup hair conditioner (white is best)
4. Mix together, using hands when needed!
5. Go play in the snow!