

How to Make

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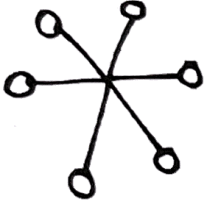
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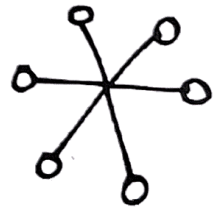
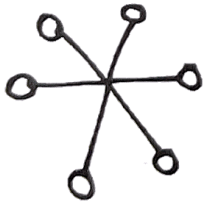
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## HOW DO ARTIC ANIMALS STAY WARM

Bowl full of ice water  
shortening (Crisco)  
paper towels

Have kids place bare finger in ice water – count how many seconds can last

Coat another finger with thick layer of shortening to simulate blubber  
See how much longer can last with crisco coating

Some animals have couple of inches of blubber – whales can have 1ft thick of blubber

## HOW TO MAKE EXPLODING SNOWMEN

Materials: sandwich bag  
permanent marker  
baking soda  
vinegar  
paper towel or tissue paper

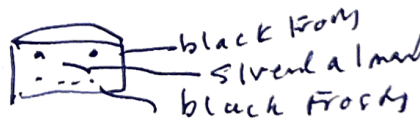


- 1) Decorate bag (snowman, monster, valentine – whatever holiday)
- 2) Wrap 3 tsp baking soda inside piece of paper towel or tissue
- 3) Place baking soda package inside sandwich bag
- 4) Pour 1 -2 cups white vinegar into bag – seal quickly as will swell up quickly
- 5) Stand bag watch it explode

Why? As baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) mixes with vinegar creates carbon dioxide  
Bag fills with carbon dioxide until pressure is too much – BOOM

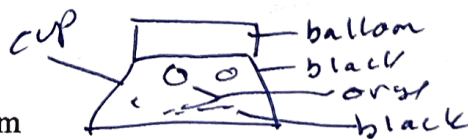
## MARSHMALLOW SNOWMAN

marshmallows  
black frosting  
slivered almonds for nose



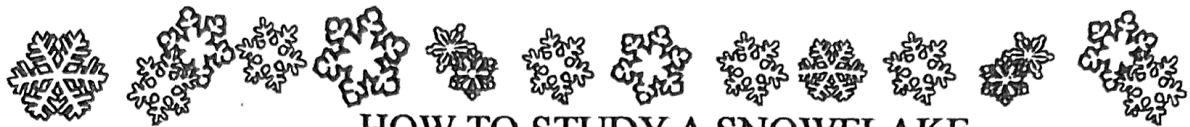
## SNOW SHOOTERS

white cups  
black or orange craft foam  
Balloons (white or black)  
scissors  
glue



Cut bottom off of 2 white cups  
Cut tops off 2 white ballons to create layer opening  
Stretch ballons over cup bottoms  
layer bottom rim of each cup with glue (glue stick or glue gun)  
Pull ballon over glue and press down

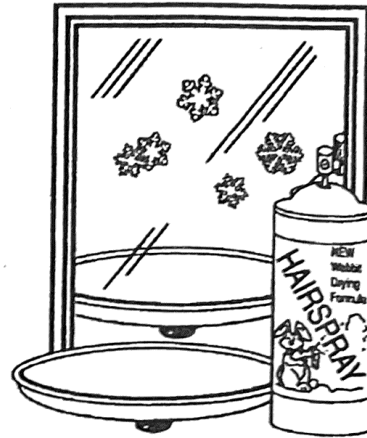
Use ammo like cotton balls, white pom poms mini marshmallows balls of paper



# HOW TO STUDY A SNOWFLAKE

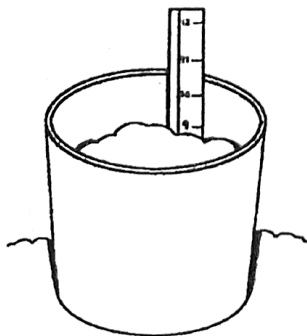
Have you ever caught a snowflake in your mitten and wished you could keep it to look at whenever you want? If you follow these directions, you can catch a snowflake and study it with a magnifying glass any time you want!

1. Wait for a snowy day.
2. Put a mirror on a piece of cardboard.
3. Place a can of hair spray, a pan lid and the cardboard with the mirror outside to get as cold as the air.
4. When cold enough, spray the mirror with a thick layer of hair spray.
5. Hold onto the cardboard and catch a few snowflakes on the mirror.
6. Quickly cover the mirror with the pan lid so that you won't catch any more snowflakes.
7. Leave the covered mirror outside to dry for about an hour.
8. Take everything inside and you will see an imprint of the snowflakes on the mirror.
9. You can study them with a magnifying glass!



# HOW TO MEASURE THE SNOWFALL

You can compare the snowfall at your house with the weatherman's forecast! Follow the directions below and you can make your own snow gauge to see if it matches the weatherman on TV!



1. Get a tall can, like a waste can, and a ruler.
2. Put the ruler flat against the side of the can.
3. When it first begins to snow, place the can near a building where the snow can freely fall into it, but where it is also sheltered from the wind.
4. Collect the snow until it stops snowing and do not move the can.
5. When the snow stops, make a mark on the ruler at the top of the snow.
6. Pull out the ruler and look at your mark to see how much snow you had.
7. Compare your measurement with the weather forecaster on TV.
8. Was it the same, more or less?



## **MAGI C SNOW RECIPE**

4 cups of Frozen Baking Soda  
1-2 cups cold water (add slowly)  
large bowl

Optional: vinegar, squirt bottles  
Extras: snow glitter, peppermint extract  
snowman parts, snow animal toys

### **Method:**

Pour 4 cups frozen baking soda into large bowl  
Slowly add cold water and mix, slowly adding more water until reach desired consistency

As mix- most amazing fluffy snow will form  
Playable snow, soft, moldable, icy cold

To play: add snowman parts, cars, trucks, snow animals, etc.

Getting bored: add squirt bottle of vinegar – squirt on makes magic snowballs and fizzy snowman

## **HOW TO MAKE SNOW DOUGH**

½ cup Pantene conditioner (Dollar store brand fine)  
3 cups pure baking soda

Mix

Add sprinkles of silver glitter

Another recipe calls for

2 ½ cups baking snow ( add more if want snow less wet)  
½ cu white hair conditioner from Dollar Tree

## **SNOW STORM IN A BOTTLE**

Empty water bottle

fill halfway with water

Then add equal amount of corn syrup (~~Tim used baby oil or cooking oil~~)

Dump in glitter as like

Screw lid tightly and Shake



# LIGHTS

A row of lit fire-and-ice luminarias is shown on a white blanket in front of a house at night. The luminarias are made of snow and lit with votive candles, creating a warm glow. The house in the background has a dark door and a window with a white frame. The overall scene is cozy and inviting.

TREAT EVENING GUESTS to a warm and cheery welcome and light up a long winter's night with a row of **fire-and-ice luminarias**: columns of snow lit with votive candles that you can use to line a walkway, decorate the yard, or just add a quiet glow to a wintry evening. All you'll need are a few items easily found at your local hardware store and a blanket of the white stuff.

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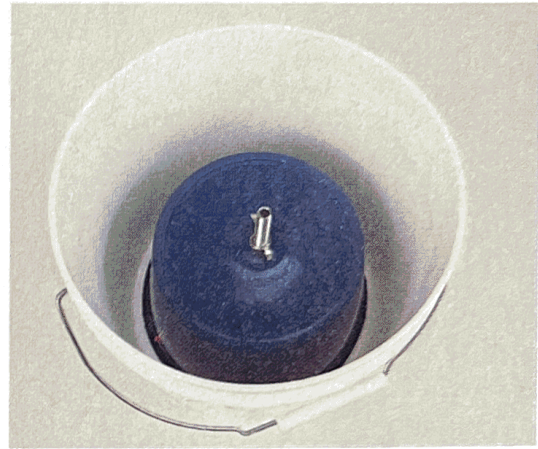


# NIGHT LIGHTS

**1 The Materials** To construct the mold, you will need 2 different-size plastic containers, a drill with a ½-inch bit, a ½-inch-diameter carriage bolt that's at least 2 inches longer than the smaller bucket is tall, and a wing nut to fit the bolt. You can use just about any plastic containers (we used a 2-gallon bucket and a 2½-quart bucket); just make sure that the distance between the sides of the containers, when the smaller one is set upside down inside the larger one, is between ½ and 1½ inches.



**2 Making the Mold** Drill a hole in the center of the bottom of each container (parents only). Push the carriage bolt up through the hole in the larger bucket, then turn the smaller bucket upside down and slide it onto the bolt, as shown. Tighten the wing nut onto the bolt to secure the containers together. (To strengthen your mold, you can add a fender washer to the carriage bolt at the bottom of each bucket. Also, if your bolt is not fully threaded, fill any extra space along the bolt with washers before adding the wing nut.)



**3 Forming the Lanterns** Spray the inside of the mold with cooking spray (this helps the lantern slide out more easily), then fill it with snow, packing it down well. Decide where you'd like to place your lantern, then flip over the mold at the spot, pressing it into the snow on the ground to make it as level as possible.

**4 The Reveal** Tap the bottom and sides of the bucket to help loosen the snow, then carefully pull it off to reveal a hollow cylinder of packed snow. Repeat this process for as many wintry lights as you like. At dusk, place a votive candle inside each lantern, then light the wicks (a parent's job) to brighten the night. ↪

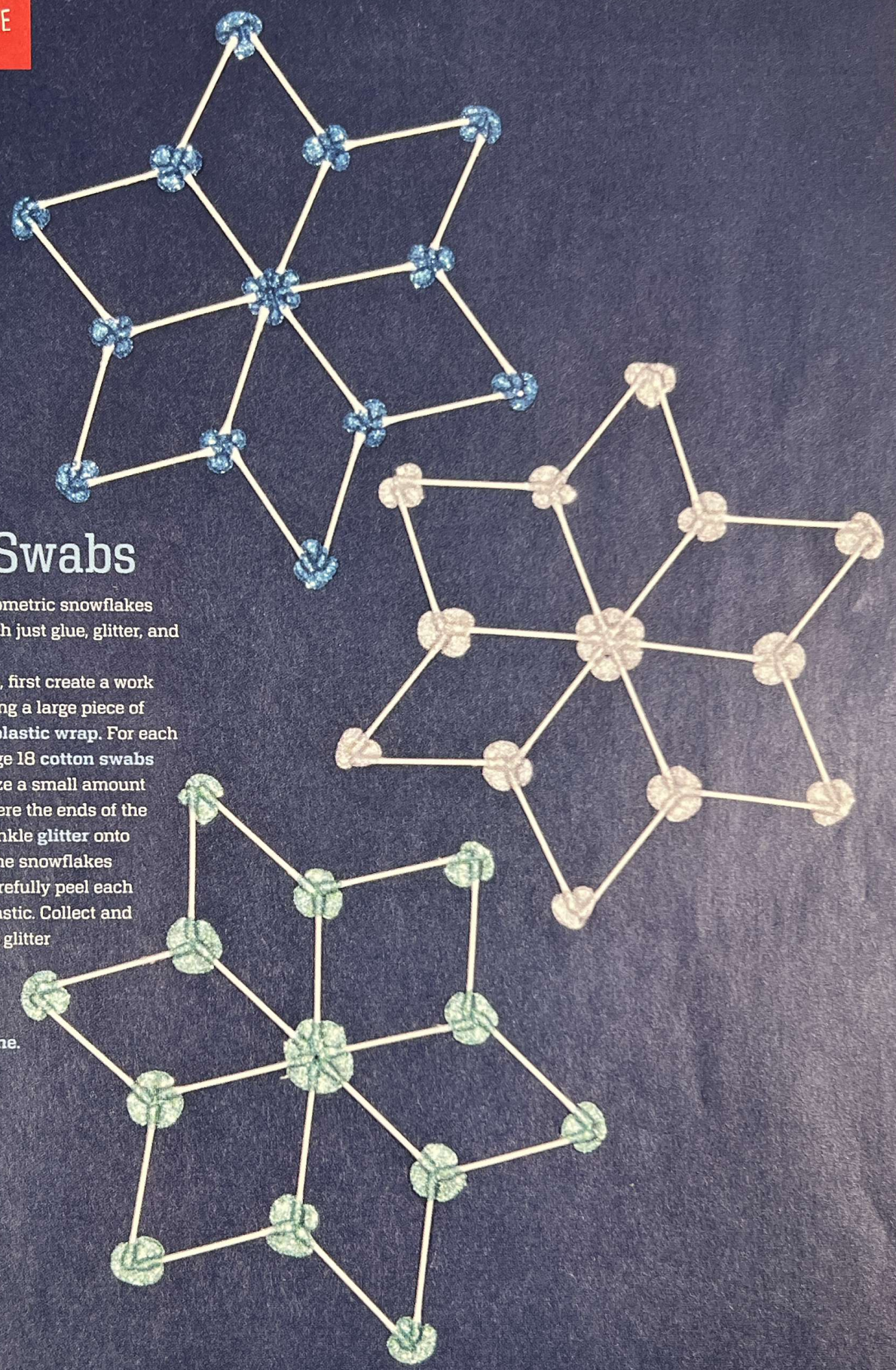


WINTER CRAFT

# Snow Swabs

These elegant geometric snowflakes come together with just glue, glitter, and cotton swabs.

To make some, first create a work surface by covering a large piece of cardboard with plastic wrap. For each snowflake, arrange 18 cotton swabs as shown. Squeeze a small amount of tacky glue where the ends of the swabs meet. Sprinkle glitter onto the glue and let the snowflakes dry overnight. Carefully peel each flake from the plastic. Collect and return the excess glitter to its container. Hang up your snowflakes with monofilament line.



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DIGITAL EXTRA



See a **how-to video** of these snowflakes at [FamilyFun.coverleaf.com](http://FamilyFun.coverleaf.com) or on this month's iPad or iPhone editions (access is included with your *FamilyFun* subscription).



# fun stuff

## crafts & activities

### Make your own snow globe



Create a wee winter wonderland with this easy craft that'll delight all year long.

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- plastic figures
- hot glue gun
- baby-food jar with lid
- water
- glycerine
- white glitter
- Sculpey (a nontoxic clay that hardens when baked in the oven)

1. With your child, choose a figure or two to put inside your snow globe.
2. Using hot glue gun, attach the figures (standing upright) to the lid of the baby-food jar and allow to dry.
3. The child fills the jar with water, leaving about a quarter

inch of air at the top, then adds three or four drops of glycerine (available in drug stores).

4. Have your kid sprinkle about a tablespoon of white glitter into the jar.

5. To seal the snow globe, dot the inside edge of the lid with hot glue, then slowly screw the lid onto the jar.

6. To make a colorful base for your snow globe, have your kid mold Sculpey around the lid, then help her carefully remove the clay and place it in an oven-safe glass dish. Bake it in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes at 270 degrees Fahrenheit until hardened.
7. Let the base cool. Then

attach it to the lid using the hot glue gun and allow to dry.

8. Now your child can turn the jar over and shake it to watch the snow fall.—Rosemary Black

