

Links & Idea's to fun Christmas/Winter activities and games

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Children should always be accompanied when completing these activities. It is the responsibility of the adult to observe best safety practise to prevent injury.

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Sequin Christmas Ornaments



Gather your materials.

- Card cut shapes -
- Sequins of coloured paper or sweet wrappers
- white PVA glue
- glue stick
- ribbon

What next

- Draw your Christmas shape (see attached document for shapes)
- Cut out your Christmas shape
- Cut up your coloured paper/sweet wrappers in to small pieces
- Coat the card with glue
- Place coloured paper on to the Christmas shape

Go on make another for someone you love



Winter Birdfeeder



Bird Feeders

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Gather your materials.

- Bird seed mix,
- Gelatine,
- Boiling water,
- Mixing bowl and spoon,
- Cookie cutters,
- Tray covered in foil,
- Ribbon,

What next

- Mix the gelatine and boiling water. 1 pint of water will make a lot of feeders. If you only want to make a few bird feeders use less water. You need roughly the same amount of water as bird seed.
- Pour 2 sachets of gelatine into the boiling water and stir until all the gelatine had dissolved. If you are letting kids help with this step you will need to supervise them very closely.
- Add bird seed. Slowly tip your bird seed mix into the liquid. Add a small amount of the bird seed at a time and give it a stir -It is important to make sure that all of the bird seeds are fully coated in the water and gelatine mix as this is what will help the bird feeders stick together when the mixture is added to the cookie cutter moulds.
- Place the cookie cutters on top of a tray covered in foil and fill each of the cookie cutters with the homemade bird food mixture. Use the back of a spoon to make sure the mixture is packed into the cookie cutter tightly.
- Make a hole in the DIY bird feeders- Push a cut up straw through the bird food mixture in each cookie cutter to make a hole ready for hanging your bird feeders once they have dried out.

- **Dry out the homemade bird feeders-** To dry out these homemade bird feeders you need to place the tray full of bird feeders in the fridge for a few hours and then take them out and leave them in a warm room to dry overnight
- **Push the bird feeders out of the cookie cutters-** You need to really take your time with this step to avoid breaking any corners or delicate areas of your shaped bird feeders. **REALLY** carefully and slowly push the bird feeders out of the cutters using your fingers.
- **Add Ribbon and hang up your homemade bird feeders-** Thread ribbon or twine through the holes that you made at the top of your bird feeders. Tie a knot in the top of the ribbon or twine and you are ready to hang your homemade bird feeders out in the garden.

**Now you can watch what kinds of birds come to eat
your treats**

Framed Snowman picture



Gather your materials

- Framing paper or card
- Paper to paint on and for cutting out
- Paint, paint dish and brush
- Children's scissors
- PVA glue

What next

- Paint a picture you want to frame- leave to dry
- Use coloured paint or cut out coloured paper for parts of your picture (e.g snowman's hat, snowflakes, carrot nose, buttons) and stick on and allow to dry
- Cut out 4 strips of paper the same length for the frame
- Stick the ends of the strips together to form the square frame allow to dry
- Cut out 2 thinner strips and stick them together in the middle to form a cross
- Stick your picture on to the framing paper /card
- Stick the cross centrally over the top of the picture
- Stick the frame over the picture and cross

You can use a picture of yourself in your picture and give it to someone you love.

Gingerbread Tree Decorations

Gather your ingredients



- 350 g plain flour
- 4 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 tsp of bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 125 g butter
- 175 g/6 oz soft brown sugar
- 1 egg

(This recipe makes about 20 biscuits, but quantities can easily be doubled or even tripled if making for a large number.)

What Next:

- Mix the dry ingredients together then rub in the butter until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs. Then add the beaten egg and mix until the mixture forms a soft dough. Roll into a smooth ball, wrap it with cling film and store in a cool place until needed.
- Roll out the gingerbread dough and cut into festive shapes such as stars, hearts, or gingerbread men. Simple shapes are easier for little ones to cut out and decorate. Place on a greased baking tray and bake for about 12 -15 minutes, or until they are a lovely golden-brown colour.
- Leave to cool before removing

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