Paper Snowflakes

WINTER CRAFT CARDS · CARD 1 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 10 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ White paper or white coffee filters
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glitter glue or stickers (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Fold a square of paper in half to make a triangle, then in half again. Small hands can stop after one or two folds.
2. Cut little shapes into the folded edges — triangles, bumps and notches. Don't cut all the way across, or your snowflake falls apart!
3. Open it up very carefully, and see your snowflake.
4. Make a whole flurry of them, and tape them to a window.

★ TIP

Coffee filters are round, thin and easy for small scissors to cut — perfect for first snowflakes.

Cotton-Ball Snowman

WINTER CRAFT CARDS · CARD 2 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 10 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Blue or dark-colored paper
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Orange and black paper scraps (or markers)
- ☐ 2 small twigs (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Draw three stacked circles on the paper as a guide — big, medium and small.
2. Glue cotton balls inside the circles until your snowman is filled in and fluffy.
3. Add black paper eyes and buttons, and an orange triangle for the nose.
4. Glue extra cotton along the bottom for snow, and add twig arms if you like.

★ TIP

Stretch each cotton ball out first, so your snowman looks extra snowy and one bag of cotton goes much further.

Salt-Dough Ornaments

WINTER CRAFT CARDS · CARD 3 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 30 minutes + baking • Medium mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ☐ 1/2 cup salt
- ☐ 1/2 cup water
- ☐ Cookie cutters
- ☐ A drinking straw
- ☐ A rolling pin
- ☐ Paints
- ☐ Ribbon

MAKE IT

1. Stir the flour and salt together, mix in the water, and knead until you have a smooth dough.
2. Roll the dough about 1/4 inch (5 mm) thick, and cut out shapes with the cookie cutters.
3. Poke a hole near the top of each shape with the straw.
4. Grown-up step: bake at 250°F (120°C) for 2–3 hours until hard — or leave the ornaments to air-dry for 2–3 days instead.
5. Paint your ornaments, let the paint dry, thread ribbon through the hole, and hang them up.

★ TIP

Write names and the year on the back before baking. These make the sweetest grandparent gifts.

Paper-Chain Garland

WINTER CRAFT CARDS · CARD 4 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 15 minutes • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ Strips of colored paper, about 1 × 6 inches (2.5 × 15 cm)
- ☐ A glue stick or tape

MAKE IT

1. Bend the first strip into a circle, and glue the ends together.
2. Thread the next strip through the first circle, then glue its ends together too.
3. Keep going, taking turns with the colors, until your chain is as long as you want it.
4. Hang it on the tree, along a shelf, or around a doorway.

★ TIP

Old Christmas cards and leftover wrapping paper make beautiful strips — nothing new to buy.

Pinecone Christmas Tree

WINTER CRAFT CARDS · CARD 5 OF 5

Ages 3–7 • 15 minutes + drying • Paint mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 clean, dry pinecone
- ☐ Green paint
- ☐ Tiny pom-poms or beads
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ A yellow paper star
- ☐ A cork or small pot (for the base)

MAKE IT

1. Paint the pinecone green, all over, and let it dry.
2. Put a tiny dot of glue on the tip of each pinecone scale.
3. Stick pom-poms or beads onto the glue dots, as ornaments.
4. Glue the paper star on top, and stand your tree in a cork or a small pot.

★ TIP

Found pinecones can be cleaned first: a grown-up can bake them at 200°F (95°C) for 30 minutes, which also opens them up.