

Make Your Own Paper Snowflake



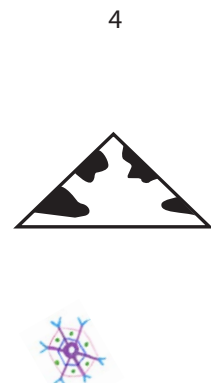
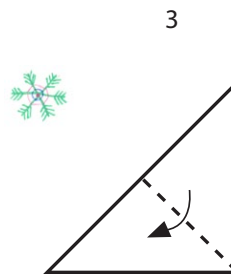
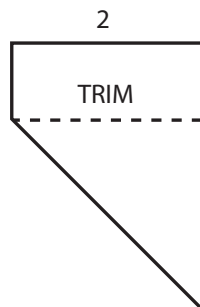
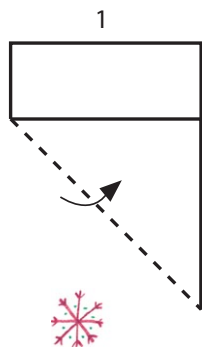
Ask kids to use their arts & crafts skills to create their own paper snowflakes for wintertime decorations.

You'll need:

- Child-safe scissors
- White or color paper
- Markers (optional)
- Glitter & child-safe glue (optional)

Here's how to do it:

1. Take one corner of the paper and fold it up toward the opposite side of the paper. You should have a shape that looks like a triangle with a rectangle at the top.
2. Cut off the top rectangle of the paper. You should have a piece of folded paper that looks like a triangle.
3. Take two corners and fold the paper in half so it looks like a smaller triangle.
4. Cut any shapes you want out of the triangle, such as curls or a sunburst. Make sure to leave some of the folded edges uncut, so that the snowflake doesn't fall apart when you open it.



Open the paper – you should have a fancy snowflake to hang up!

You can also decorate your snowflake with markers or glitter to make it look beautiful for the winter.



Happy New Year Acrostic Poem



Use each letter from the phrase "Happy New Year" to write down all the things you hope will make 2011 a great year. You may want to hope for something great for your family, a wish for school, or a fun gift that you'll get. Afterwards, make a poem or story out of your list and share it with family and friends.

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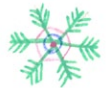
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Snowman Cupcakes



While the family is indoors, help kids create a tasty treat with this cupcake recipe to celebrate the season!

You'll need:

- Vanilla cake mix
- Paper cupcake holders
- Cupcake baking pan
- White (vanilla) frosting
- Candy corn
- Red and/or black shoelace licorice
- Black decorating gel for cakes



How to do it:

1. With the adult supervising, prepare the cake mix using the directions on the box. Place the paper cupcake holders in the cupcake baking pan, and pour in the cake mix. Bake as directed.
2. When the cupcakes have cooled, frost them using the white (vanilla) frosting.
3. Place a piece of candy corn in the center to look like a carrot nose.
4. Give the "snowman" eyes and a mouth using the black decorating gel.
5. Use the black or red shoelace licorice to give the snowman funny hair, and use the red licorice to give him a red scarf.
6. Throw a festive Winter Party, and serve up your cupcakes for a delicious playtime snack!

