

MY ART BAG

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF WINTER

1. Do all bears hibernate in the winter? Check out this resource for fun facts. <https://bit.ly/3pTtAZa>

2. Make a list of animals that hibernate in the winter. Draw pictures of these animals. Cut them out and glue to sticks to create puppets. Tell a story about the animals and hibernation.

3. Cut snowflakes by following these directions. Decorate with glitter and/or watercolor paints! <https://bit.ly/2UR53pm>

4. Listen to the true story of Wilson Bentley, Snowflake Bentley. <https://bit.ly/3pP9FL3>

Learn more about Wilson Bentley and his collection of snowflakes. <https://bit.ly/3IYw0DF>

5. Create a bird feeder. Use the empty toilet paper roll. Punch two holes into the top of the roll. Cut a length of twine, string, or yarn to thread through the top of the roll as a hanger. Spread a thin layer of peanut butter on the toilet paper roll. Roll the peanut butter covered roll in the birdseed. Hang the bird feeder outside and watch for the birds!

6. Use the white cardstock to design additional clothes for your Punch-Out Snowman. You can use the markers, colored pencils, or watercolors.

7. Seven types of penguins live in Antarctica – Adelie, Emperor, Chinstrap, Gentoo, King, Macaroni, and Rockhopper. Research these penguins to learn all about them. Identify the penguin from your bag. <https://bit.ly/2Hzf1HO>

8. Using your penguin as a model, sketch your penguin. Complete your drawing using watercolors. Don't forget to include a background based on your research.

9. How to catch your own snowflakes using black cardstock and a magnifying glass.

1) Put the cardboard outside for at least 10 minutes before catching snow. Make sure that the board stays cold and dry.

2) Hold the board flat in one hand and watch as the snow lands on it.

3) Use the magnifying glass to look at the snowflakes closely.

4) Once you have looked at the snow, shake off the board and try again.

10. Use the sugar cubes to create an igloo. Glue the sugar cubes to a piece of cardstock for stability.

12. Design and decorate a pair of mittens. Remember each mitten in a pair looks exactly the same. Draw your design using a pencil and complete your mittens using colored pencils.

11. Build a snowperson using Model Magic. You can add details using markers when it is dry.

13. Create your very own winter wonderland by making icicle banners. Tear off several sheets of paper towel and use blue and purple watercolor to paint each piece. Let the paper towels soak up paint and then let them dry. Cut icicles from the dry painted paper towels and thread string or yarn through hole punches on the wider end of the icicle. Hang by the window and watch the light shine through. To add variety, write words or draw in sharpie on the paper towels before painting.



14. Create an ice skater by filling up a clear plastic cup with water and placing it in the freezer. Decorate a tongue depressor by drawing a person/you on both sides using marker. Once the water in the cup is almost frozen, push the tongue depressor into the middle – it will look like an upside-down popsicle. Let the water completely freeze, then take it out and remove the ice block from the cup (might need a little hot water to melt for release). Turn your skater so the bottom of the cup is on the ground and the tongue depressor skater is upright. Use a cookie sheet or the icy sidewalk as your ice rink - spin it around and watch how far your skater can twirl and skate!

15. Listen to the story Jingle Bells by Iza Trapani. You can read and sing along while ringing your jingle bell. <https://bit.ly/3m05XM7>



17. Get your snow gear on to make foot tracks in your yard or at the park while you practice counting. Make 12 prints to start, then try to make 24, 36, 48, 60. These numbers are called the multiples of 12. For a challenge, see if you can count footprints in the 100's!

16. Chart the weather using this link to a blank calendar – use pictures that represent weather words such as, cloudy, windy, snowy, sunny, etc. <https://bit.ly/39h3Lw6>



18. An acrostic poem is a poem of words or phrases that describes a topic word. The topic word is written vertically, and each line of the poem starts with the letters of the topic word.

S – Snowflakes
N – Never the same
O – Outside blowing
W – White winter wonderland

Write your own acrostic poems using the following words:

WINTER, SNOWFLAKE,
COLD, MITTENS, BOOTS
SNOWMAN, BLIZZARD

19. Draw a “Magic” winter scene. Use a white crayon to draw your winter scene on a piece of white paper. When your drawing is complete, paint over your drawing with your watercolor paints. While the paint is wet, sprinkle salt on the wet watercolor. Watch the “Magic” appear.

20. Listen to the story, The Snowy Day, written and illustrated by Ezra Jack Keats. Look carefully at the illustrations. <https://bit.ly/395X8Nj>



21. Create snowflakes using empty toilet paper rolls, a scissors, glue and glitter. Watch this video for directions: <https://bit.ly/399y6gn>



22. Each snowflake is unique, just like each person’s fingerprint. Use your fingerprints to decorate your snowflake ornament. Color with a marker on a piece of newspaper. Make a small patch of color slightly larger than your finger. Go over it until the small patch is beginning to saturate, but not enough to rip the paper. Press your finger onto the patch and immediately make your print where you want it. You can continue using the patch in place of an ink pad until the prints begin to get fainter. Color a new patch to start over.



23. Listen to the story The Polar Express. <https://bit.ly/3oeXaqq>

24. Learn about the author Deborah Lee Rose. <https://bit.ly/35XQkPZ>

25. Make No Bake Winter Cookies using the included recipe.



26. Ezra Jack Keats used the technique of collage – cutouts of paper, fabric, homemade snowflake stamps, and splatters of paint with a toothbrush to create his illustrations. Use the technique of collage to create your own winter scene.



About the Project

We know the arts are essential. That is why Arts @ Large is using creativity to combat isolation and promote social and emotional wellness. A@L, with support from the Blackbox Fund, will distribute 1,500 “My Art Bags” FREE to families this holiday season. With 25 activities and all the art supplies needed to inspire creativity, we're sure it will bring a smile to the faces of Milwaukee’s children.

Each bag features the children’s book, The Twelve Days of Winter by Deborah Lee Rose. All activities follow along with the narration, bringing the story to life!

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