

# Let It Snow



**2017**

**Winter Activity Packet**

# Winter Songs/Poems

## Snow Flakes Falling:

(Sung to: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")

Little snowman round and fat,  
In your scarf and funny hat.  
Orange carrot for a nose,  
Frosty head and frosty toes.  
Little snowman, be my friend.  
Please don't melt till winter's end



## Snowflake Dance

(Sung to the tune of "Frere Jacques")

Dance like snowflakes  
Dance like snowflakes  
In the air  
In the air  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Whirling, twirling, snowflakes  
Here and there  
Here and there



## Five Little Snowmen

Five little snowmen sitting on the ground (*stomp feet on the floor*)  
The first one said, "Oh my, aren't we round" (*make circle with arms*)  
The second one said, "There are snowflakes in the air" (*point up and wiggle fingers*)  
The third one said, "But we don't care" (*shrug shoulders*)  
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run" (*run in place*)  
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun" (*smile big*)  
"Whoosh," went the wind (*blow*) and out came the sun (*point to the sky*)  
And the five little snowmen knew their fun was done (*hang head sadly*)

## The Winter Pokey

*(Sung to the tune of "Hokey Pokey")*



You put your right mitten in,  
You take your right mitten out.  
You put your right mitten in,  
Then you shake it all about.  
You do the winter pokey (*shiver*)  
And turn yourself about.  
That's what it's all about!

*\*Continue with the left mitten, right and left boots, hat, scarf, and snowsuit.*

## Do You Love The Snow?

*(Sung to the tune of "Do Your Ears Hang Low?")*

Do you love the snow? (*place hands over your heart*)  
You can play in it, you know (*point to others*)  
You can make a big snowball (*pretend to form a snowball in your hands*)  
Or a snowman really tall (*indicate "tall" with one hand reaching up high*)  
You can travel on your skis (*pretend to ski*)  
Make an angel if you please (*wave arms like making a snow angel in the air*)  
Do you love the snow? (*place hands over your heart*)



## I'm a Little Snow Man

*(Sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")*

I'm a little snowperson short and fat. (*Make wide circle with arms*)  
Here are my buttons, here is my hat. (*Point to chest and to head*)  
When the sun comes out, I cannot play.  
I just slowly melt away. (*Slowly melt to the ground*)



# Winter Arts and Crafts

## Make Your Own Wrapping Paper

### Materials:

- Brown or white construction paper, newspaper, or butcher paper
- Paints, crayons, stamps, sponges cut into shapes
- Paint brush
- Paper plate
- Other decorating materials



### Directions:

1. Lay out the paper on a table or on the floor. Provide your child with paints and a brush or crayons. Pour any paint onto a paper plate for easy use.
2. Allow children to decorate the paper any way they would like. They may choose to use their fingers, sponge stamps, or a brush to paint.
3. Ask them to tell you about the designs or pictures they are making on the paper.
4. When finished, allow the paper to dry completely. Then, use the paper to wrap any presents.
1. Once the card is dry, have your child help you write a note to a family member or friend and then, send them your child's one of a kind greeting card.

# Winter Arts and Crafts

## Snow Globes

### Materials:

- Clean jar with water-tight lid
- Waterproof figurine (plastic or glass toy or decoration)
- Waterproof glue
- Water
- Glitter



### Directions:

1. Remove the lid from the jar and set aside.
2. Place the lid upside down and glue the figurine to the bottom of the lid. Let the glue dry completely.
3. Have your child put a few pinches of glitter into the jar and then help your child fill the jar, almost to the top, with water.
4. Glue around the rim of the lid and put the lid back on the jar tightly.
5. Turn the jar over so that the figurine is standing upright. Shake the jar gently and watch the glitter float around your figurine.

## Glue Resist Winter Paintings

### Materials:

- White glue
- White paper (cardstock, if possible)
- Watercolor paints
- Optional: beads, sequins, glitter, googly eyes

### Directions:

1. Have your child draw a design (snowman, snowflake, trees, etc.) on the paper with the glue, either directly from the bottle or with a brush.
2. Put on any beads, sequins, googly eyes, etc. to decorate the design.
3. Let the glue dry completely.
4. Let your child paint around and over the glue picture with the watercolor paints.

*Optional: If you want a more "snow-like" effect, sprinkle salt over the wet watercolor paint. When the paints dry, shake off the salt.*





# Winter Arts and Crafts

## Toilet Paper Roll Snowperson

### Materials:

- Empty toilet paper roll
- Glue
- Markers/crayons
- White construction paper or thick white paint
- Other craft materials: googly eyes, ribbon, pipe



### Directions:

1. Cover the toilet paper roll in white paper or paint. Let the glue or paint dry.
2. Have your child decorate the snowperson by adding additional details to its face, body, etc.
3. Your child may want to add a scarf, hat, earmuffs, eyes, nose, arms, etc.

**Optional:** *Make a few snowpeople and have your child tell you a story about the snowmen or put on a puppet show together.*

## Tube Sock Snowpeople

### Materials:

- Dry rice or beans (2 cups)
- Measuring cup
- Tube sock
- String or 2 large rubber bands
- Permanent markers
- Strong glue (super glue or a glue gun- ADULT USE ONLY)
- Optional Decorations: pom poms, googly eyes, buttons, yarn or ribbon, etc.



### Directions:

1. Have your child fill a one cup measuring cup with rice and pour it into the sock.
2. Use a rubber band or string to tie this section of the sock off. This will be the base of the snowperson.
3. Fill another cup with rice/beans and pour it into the sock.
4. Use the other rubber band/string to tie off this section to make the head of the snowman.
5. Fold over the ribbed part of the sock to make a snowman's hat.
6. Make a scarf out of ribbon or string and decorate with other available materials.

# Winter Literacy Activities

## Feed the Penguin

### Materials:

- Empty cardboard box (i.e. cracker or cereal box)
- Black, white, and orange construction paper
- Scissors
- Different colored paper and black marker (fish)
- Glue
- Optional: googly eyes

### Directions:

1. Cover the cardboard box in black paper. Leave one side open so you can get the fish out.
2. Cut an oval shaped hole for the penguin's mouth in the middle of the box.
3. Cut two triangles out of orange paper to fit around the hole and glue them on, for the beak.
4. Cut out a white circle for the penguin's stomach and glue it on.
5. Cut out two orange feet and glue them to the bottom of the box.
6. Glue on googly eyes or make eyes out of black and white paper.
7. Cut two long, black, ovals for the wings and glue them to the sides of the box.
8. Cut out several fish from different colors of paper, no bigger than the size of the penguin's mouth.
9. On each fish write a letter or shape that you want to help your child review.



To Play: Call out a letter, a sound, or a shape and have your child find the correct fish and feed it to the penguin.

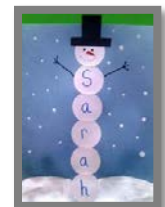
## Name That Snowperson

### Materials:

- White, black, and blue paper
- Circle for tracing (plastic lid, small paper plate, cup, etc.)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers/crayons
- Optional: Other craft materials

### Directions:

1. Help your child to write out his or her name on a piece of paper. Count the number of letters.
2. Next, help your child trace as many circles as there are letters of his/her name onto white paper and then one more for the head. Help your child cut out the circles.
3. Have your child write one letter of his name on each of circles with the first letter at the top and the last letter at the bottom.
4. Let your child draw the snowman's face and cut out a hat.
5. Glue the snowball letters together or onto a separate sheet of paper and display.



# Winter Literacy Activities

## Writing in the "Snow"

### Materials:

- Whipped cream/shaving cream/vanilla pudding
- Cookie sheet, placemat, or baking tray



### Directions:

1. Spread a layer of cream/pudding on the baking sheet or placemat where your child will be working.
2. Call out different letters and have your child practice writing the letters with his/her finger in the cream/pudding. You can have your child practice writing his/her name or draw different shapes.

**Alternative A:** *If your child does not like directly touching the cream/pudding, your child can use a popsicle stick, paint brush or the end of a spoon instead.*

**Alternative B:** *If you have snow outside, let your child practice writing his/her letters or shapes in the snow with a stick or the fingers of a glove.*

## Make Your Own Polar Bear Book

### Materials:

- *I Am A Polar Bear* book pages
- Scissors
- Stapler or whole punch and string



### Directions:

1. Help your child cut out the *I Am a Polar Bear* book pages (attached).
2. Staple them together or tie with a string.
3. Find a cozy spot and read the book together. Discuss the pictures, what it would be like to live in such cold weather, how the polar bears keep warm, etc.
4. Reread the book and let your child "read" you the story.



# I Am a Polar Bear

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



I am a Polar bear.



I live in the Arctic.



It is very cold in the Arctic.



I have thick, warm fur.



I have HUGE paws.



I can swim.



I eat fish.



I have two baby cubs.



I am a very happy Polar bear.



# Winter Science Activities

## Materials Needed:

Un-open bottle water at least 3 to 4  
Clear plastic cup  
Ice

## Instructions

First you need to place some unopened bottles of water in your freezer and leave them there for about 2 hours and 45 minutes...



After the 2 hours and 45 minutes, your water should still look like water and not be frozen. The photo below is too frozen...



And  
Grow!



And  
Grow!



Gently take your super icy cold water out of the freezer and handle very gently. Don't shake, knock, or jar the bottle or your water will now turn into ice before you are ready. Set out a tub of ice (you need to use a container that will allow for plenty of water overflow so a bigger container might be better than the cup you see here). Then pour a steady stream of water over the ice and you will see the ice begin to grow. You can do this on one ice cube or a bunch of ice cubes...

Keep the stream of water going. Move it around a bit as your ice grows taller and grow more ice around your container. You can create as many ice towers (or castles) as you like until your bottle runs out of water or your container starts to get too full and spill out onto the floor! By keeping the water pouring in one spot, your ice will grow. You can also use color water.

**Now to learn more about this entire process, you will want to view found here —> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7o8moFSHrAQ>**

# Winter Science Activities

## Melt the Ice

### Materials:

- Ice cubes
- Several plates (or muffin tin)
- Timer
- Other items to use for the experiment (i.e. salt, pepper, hot water, cold water, cinnamon, sugar, small towel, etc.)
- Ice Melting Chart (below)



### Directions:

1. Place one ice cube each on a plate. Use a piece of paper to give each ice cube a number.
2. Ask your child to think of different ways they could make the ice cubes melt.
3. Write the item that you will use to melt each ice cube next to the ice cube number on the chart.
4. Have your child make a prediction as to what will happen when the item is applied to the ice. Write the response in the prediction box.
5. Then, apply the item to the ice and set a timer for 5-10 minutes.
6. Record what happened after the timer goes off. Did the ice melt quickly or slowly? Did the ice crack, did bubbles form in the ice? Let your child describe what was observed. Write his/her observations in the "What Happened?" box.

<u>Ice Cube #</u>	<u>Ice Melting Item</u>	<u>Prediction</u>	<u>What Happened?</u>

# Winter Science Activities

## Winter Bird Feeder

### Materials:

- Pine cone (Alternative: clean milk carton)
- Peanut butter
- Bird seed/cereal
- Thick string



### Directions:

1. Cover the pine cone in peanut butter.
2. Roll the pine cone in bird seed or crushed up cereal (such as Cheerios)
3. Tie a string around the top of the pine cone and attach it to a tree or balcony where your child can observe the birds that come to the feeder to eat.
4. Discuss the birds that you and your child observe at the feeder. If possible, use the internet or books to determine which birds are coming to your feeder.

### Alternative:

1. Clean out a milk carton. Cut square holes on two sides of the carton.
2. Poke a stick or pencil from one side to the other to form a perch.
3. Fill the carton with bird seed and/or crushed cereal
4. Poke a hole at the top of the carton and thread string through it.
5. Tie the bird feeder to a nearby tree or railing to observe the birds.



## Candy Cane Science

### Materials:

- Candy canes
- 3 clear glasses or cups
- Water, milk, juice or other liquid
- Paper and pencil/crayon



### Directions:

1. Fill the three glasses halfway up each with a different liquid.
2. Have your child predict what will happen to the candy cane when placed in the different liquids. Write down his/her prediction on a piece of paper.
3. Break the candy canes into equally sized pieces and place one piece in each glass.
4. Observe what happens to the candy canes immediately, then in 10 minutes, and then in another half an hour.
5. Take out the candy canes and discuss with your child what happened to each candy cane and why one candy cane may have dissolved more than another because of the liquid it was in.

# Winter Literacy Activities

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Tracer Pages

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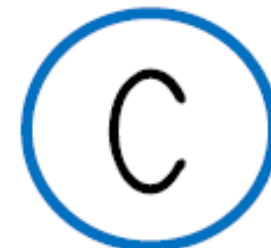
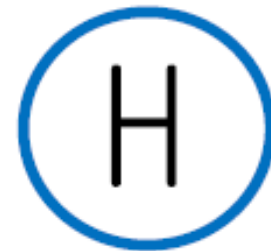


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Winter Worksheets

## Beginning Sounds

Draw a line from each letter to the picture that begins with that sound.



# Winter Literacy Activities

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## Winter Beginning Letters Worksheet

Look at each of the winter pictures below and circle the beginning letter.



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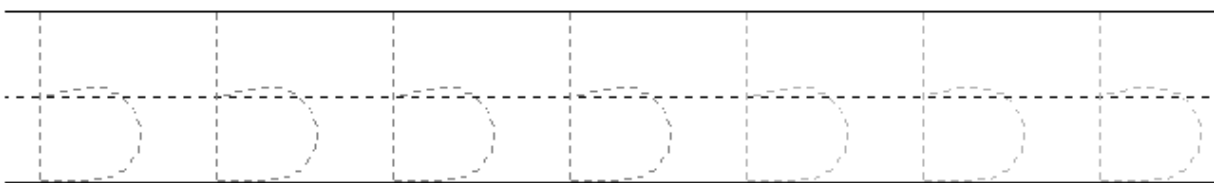
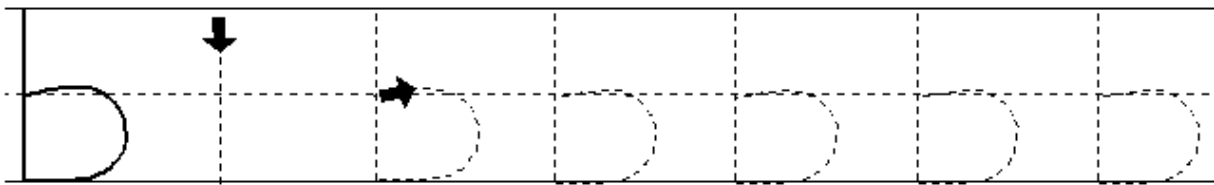
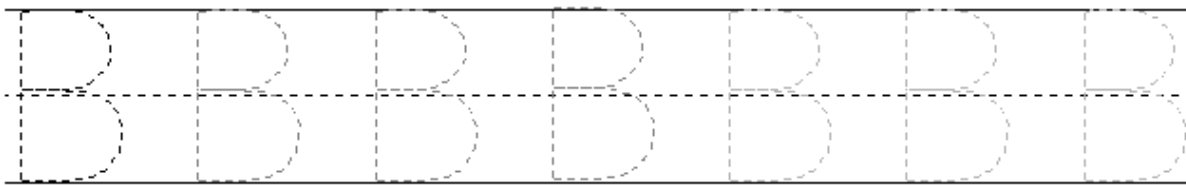
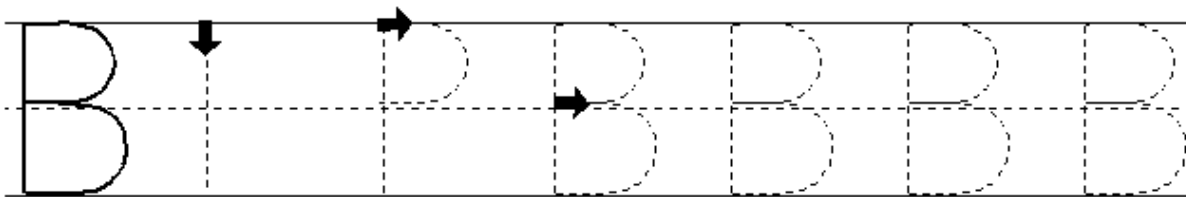


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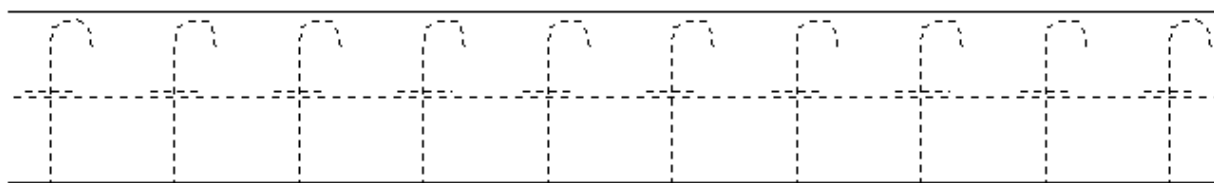
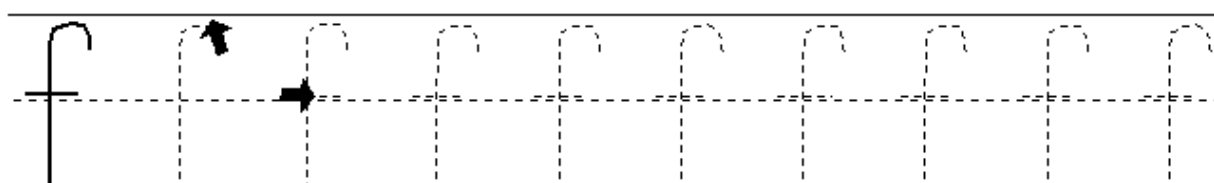
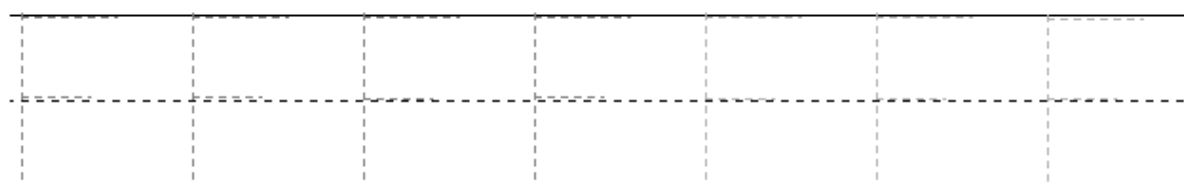
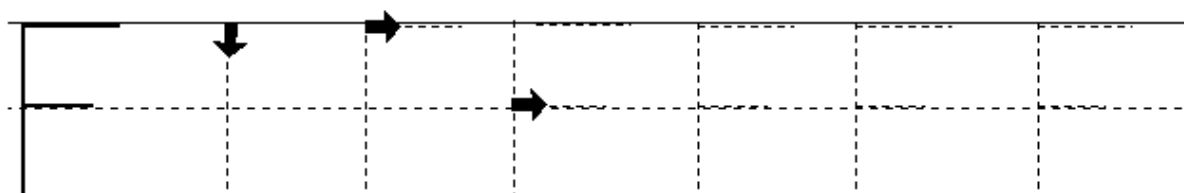
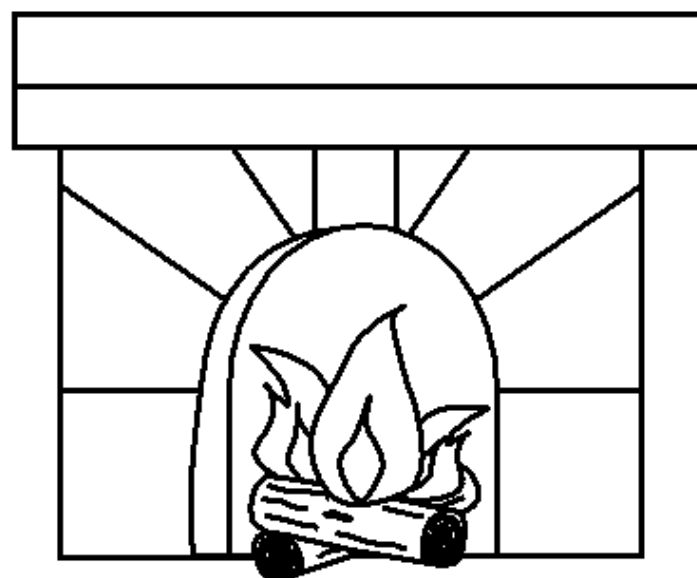
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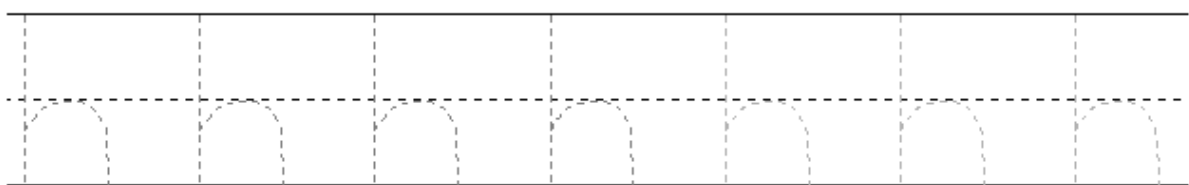
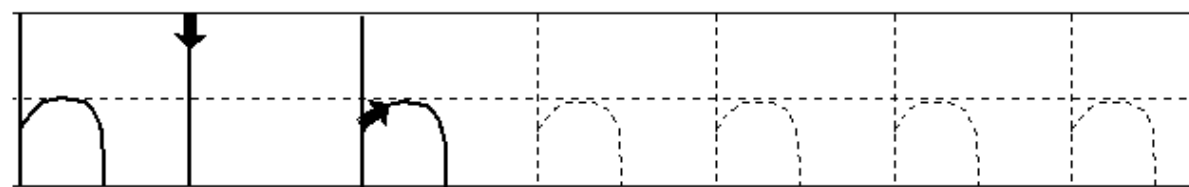
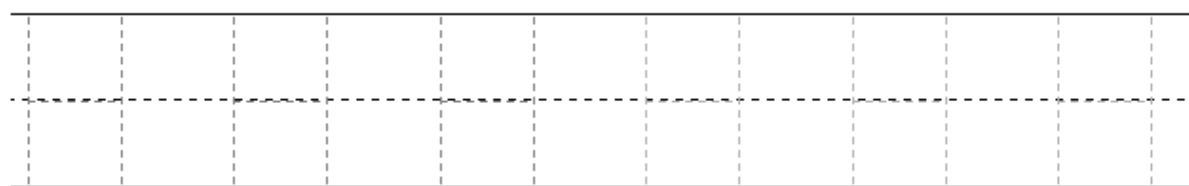
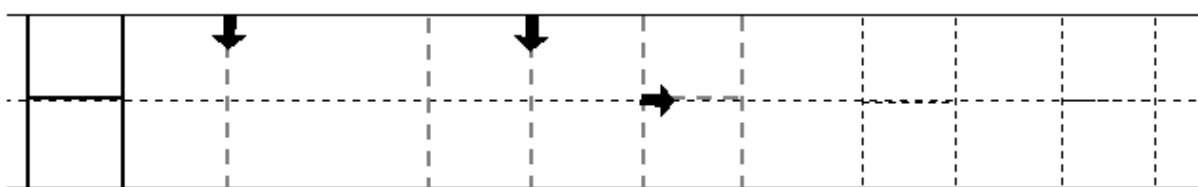
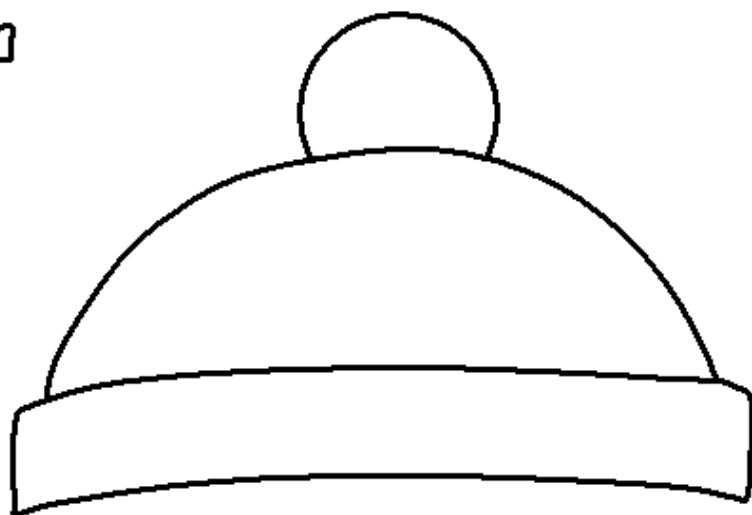
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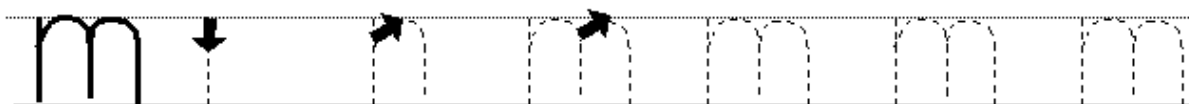
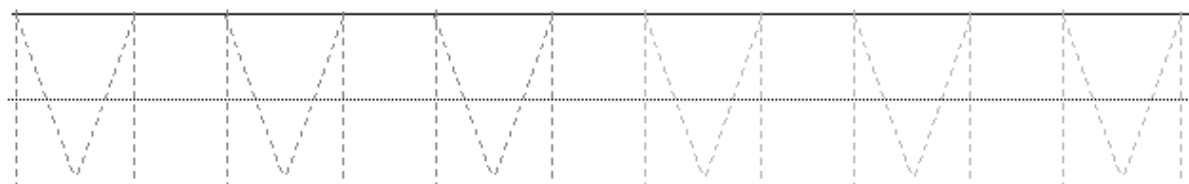
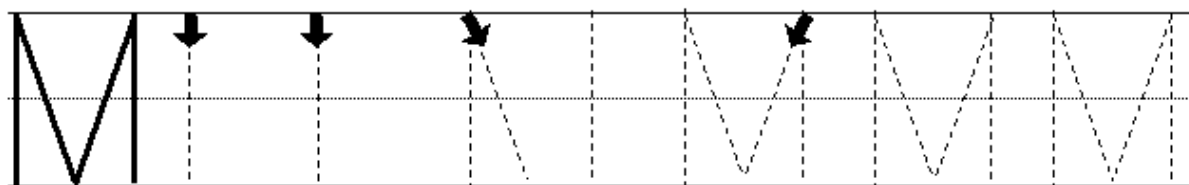
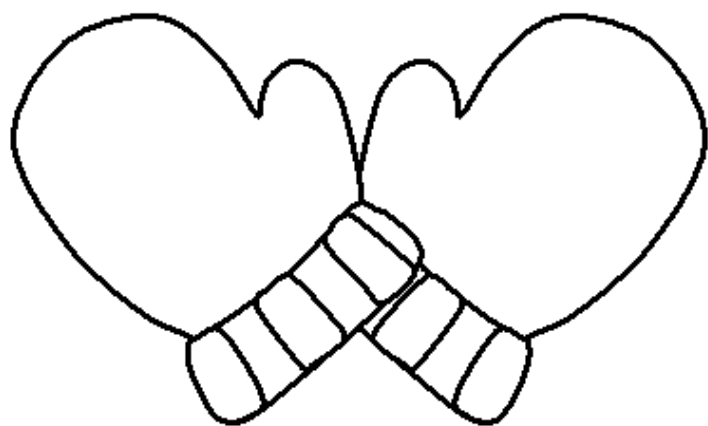


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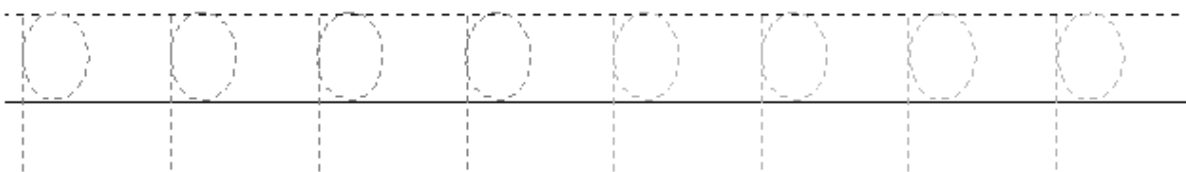
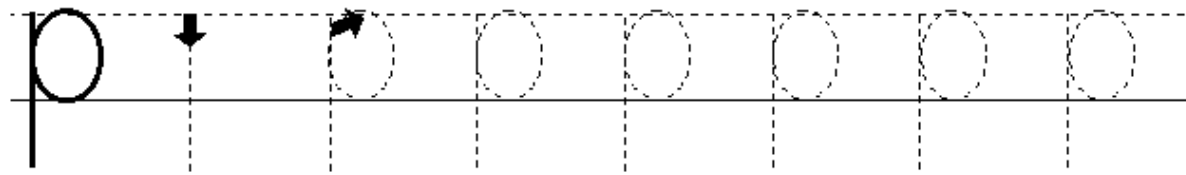
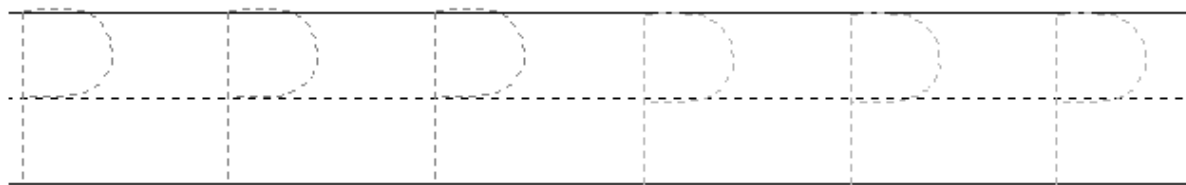
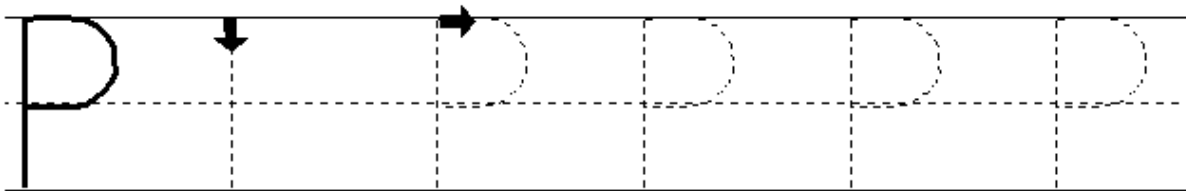
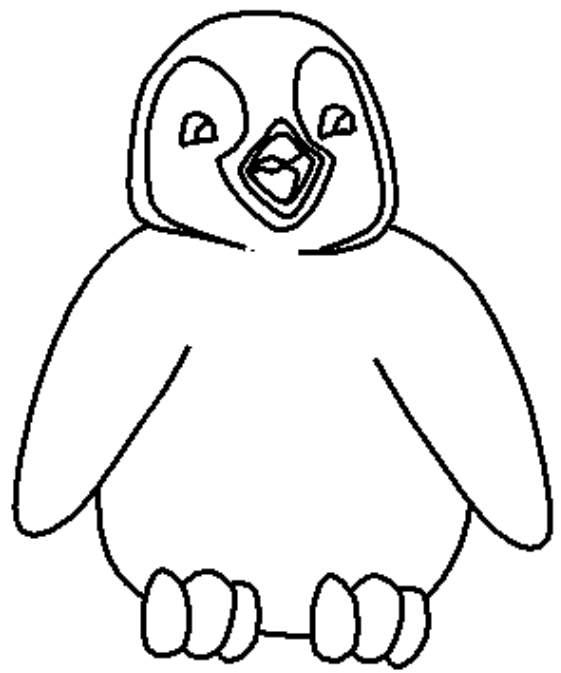




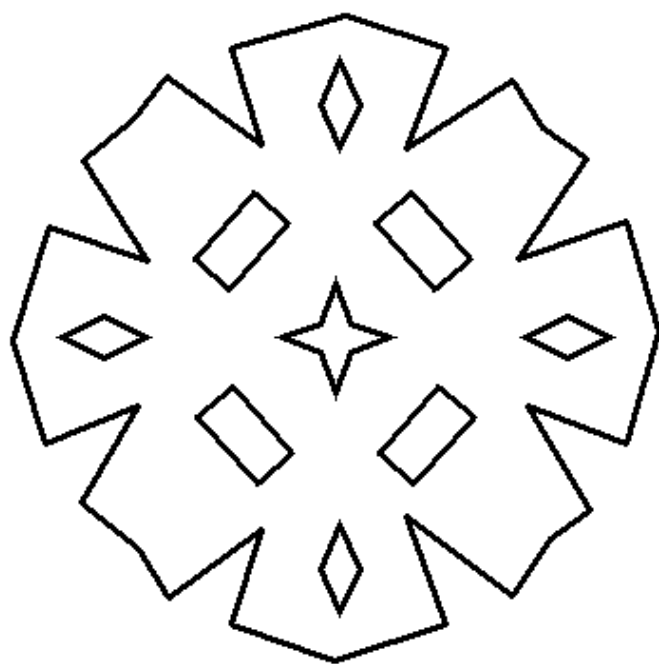
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Pp is for  
Penguin



Ss is for  
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# Winter Math Activities

Select the picture that comes next in the pattern.



# Winter Math Activities

Count the number of snowmen in each row. Then fill in as many circles as there are snowmen.  
For example, if you count three snowmen in the row, fill in three circles.



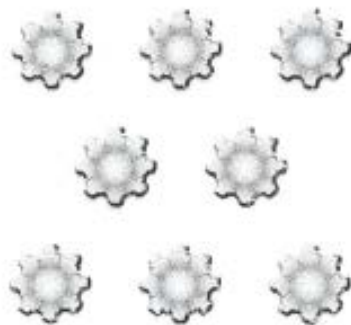
# Winter Math Activities

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## Winter Counting Worksheet

Read the directions in each of the boxes below and circle the correct number winter pictures.

Circle 4 Snow Flakes



Circle 4 Scarves



Circle 2 Snowmen

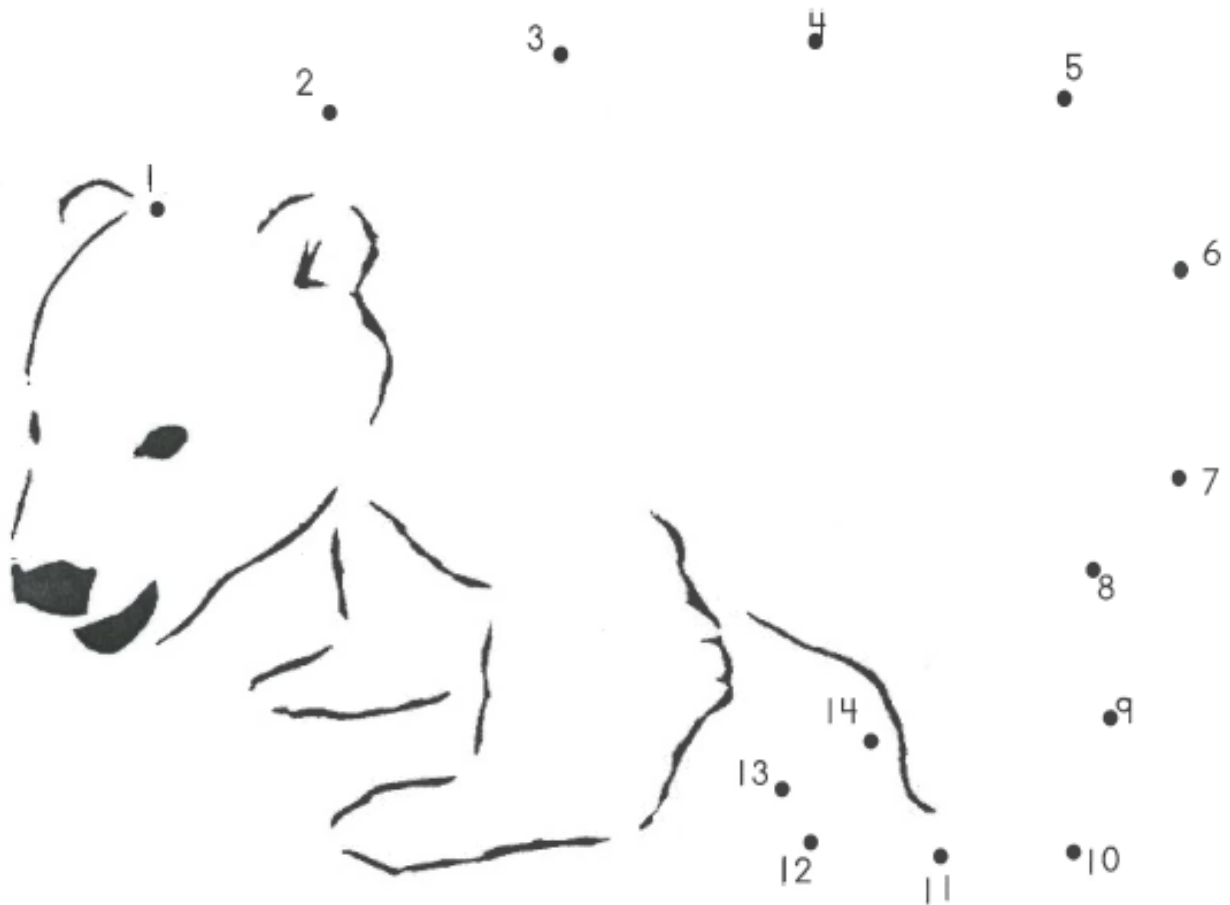


Circle 7 Ice Skates



# Winter Math Activities

Connect the Dots

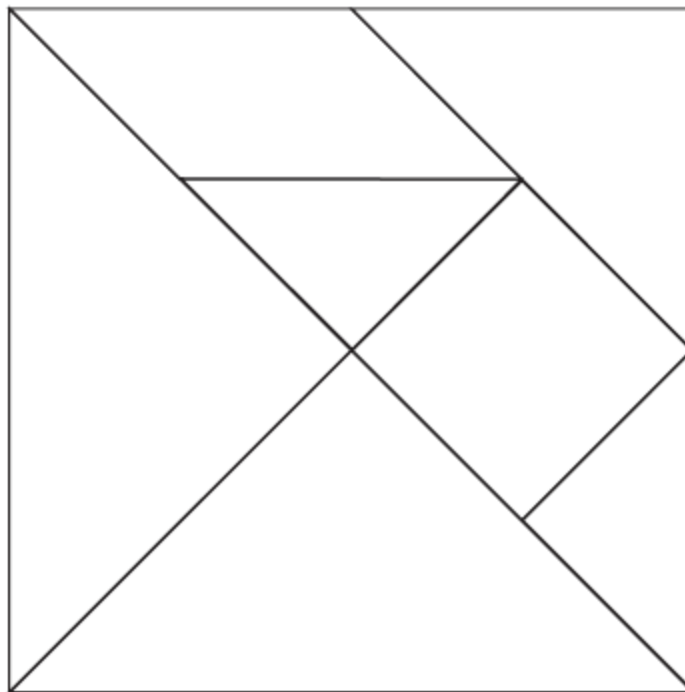


# Winter Math Activities

## Color And Make Your Own Tangrams

Tangram is an ancient Chinese geometric puzzle where a square is cut into seven pieces that can be arranged to create different figures.

**Objective of the puzzle :** To form a specific shape using all seven pieces, which may not overlap.



1. Print this pattern on cardstock or thick paper so it can be reused.
2. Cut out the pieces with the help of a parent.
3. Print out a tangram pattern card.
4. Ask your child to use all seven of these pattern pieces to recreate the picture on that pattern card.

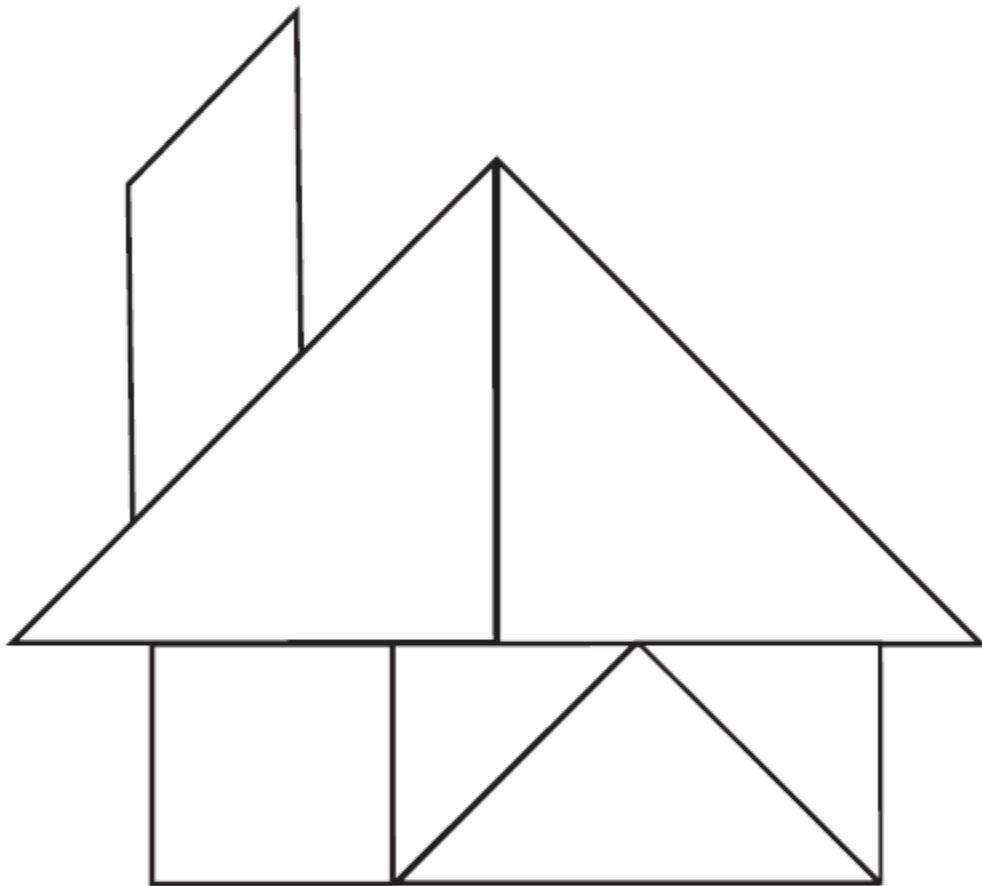
**TIP:** Once your child learns to create the figure using a pattern card, ask him to create it again on plain paper, without using the pattern card as a guide.



## Winter Math Activities

# TANGRAMS BEGINNERS

### Pattern Card

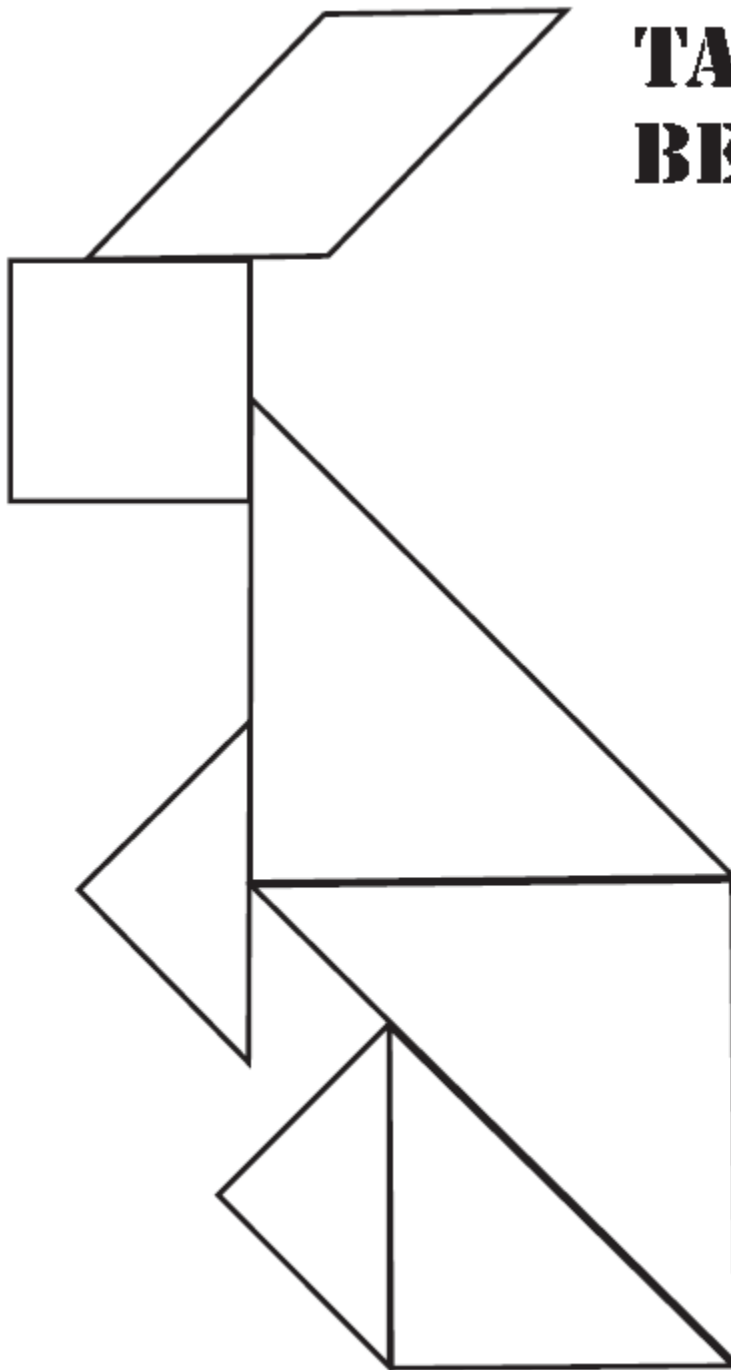


Ask your child to recreate this picture using all seven pattern pieces

# Winter Math Activities

## TANGRAMS BEGINNERS

Pattern Card



Ask your child to recreate this picture using all seven pattern pieces

# Winter Math Activities

## Counting Snowballs

### Materials:

- Container of cotton balls
- Blue construction paper
- Tweezers or salad tongs



### Directions:

1. On each sheet of blue paper, write a number 1-10. *For younger children, start with fewer numbers and build up to 10.*
  2. Place the numbered pieces of paper around the table.
  3. Give the child the container of cotton balls.
  4. Tell the child that each page needs its own snowballs and that they will use the tweezers to put the correct number of snowballs on each page.
  5. Encourage your child to count out loud as he/she places each snowball on the page.
- \*\*If using the tweezers is too hard at first, have the child place the cotton balls by hand on each page. Try the tweezers again at a later time.*







## Winter Clothes Hunt

### Materials:

- Clothes hunt chart (below)
- Pencil/crayon

### Directions:

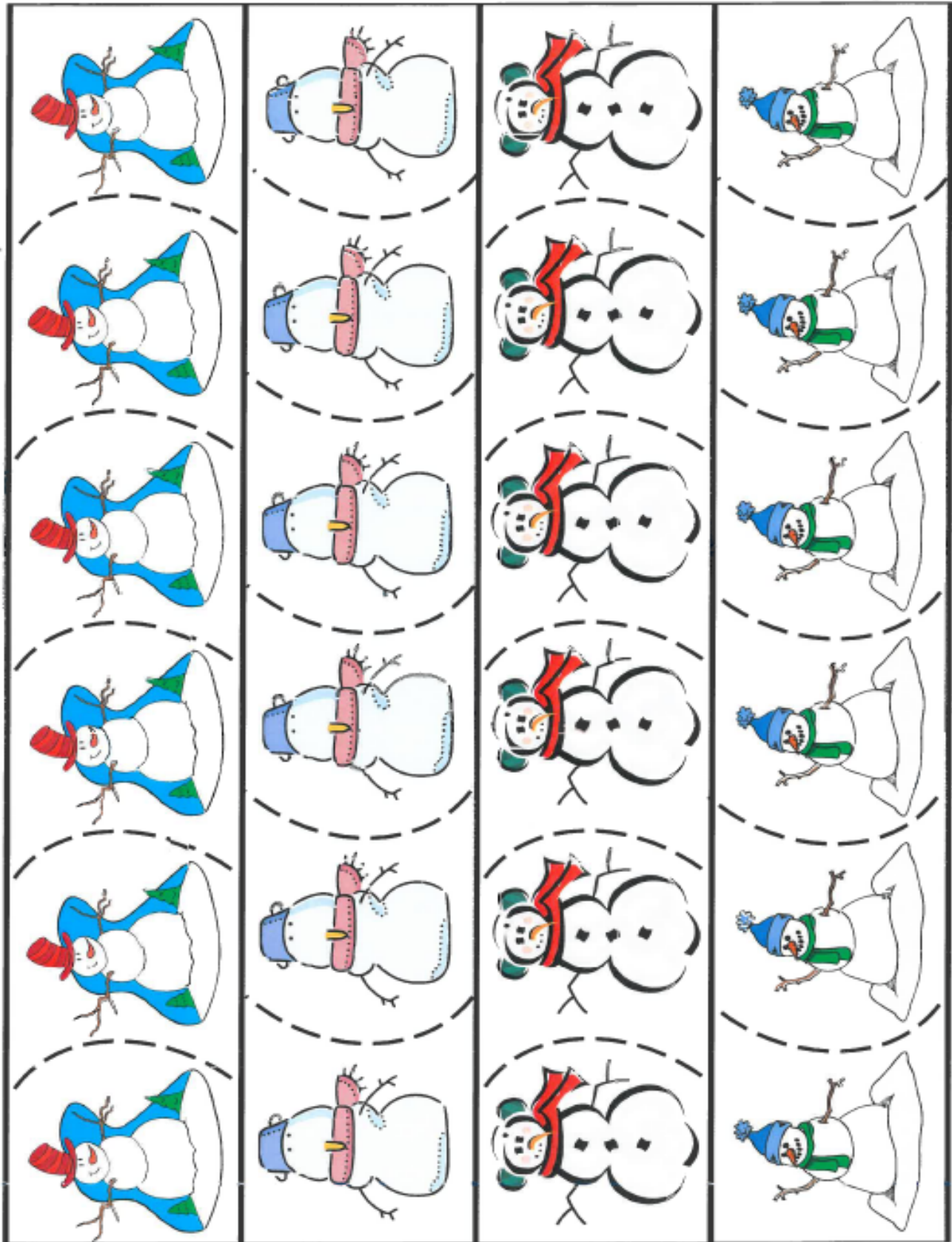
1. Cut out the Winter Clothes Hunt chart below. You may want to tape it to a piece of cardboard or a book so it is easier to write on.
2. Provide your child with a pencil/crayon.
3. Have your child look around the house to determine how many of each winter clothing item your family has. Look for one item at a time and put the total on the line next to each item.
4. When finished, discuss which item you had the most of, which you had the least, etc.

<p>Gloves</p>  <p>_____</p>	<p>Coat</p>  <p>_____</p>	<p>Mittens</p>  <p>_____</p>
<p>Boots</p>  <p>_____</p>	<p>Scarf</p>  <p>_____</p>	<p>Hat</p>  <p>_____</p>



# Winter Fine Motor Activities

Cut it Out! Strips Level 2 ~ Cut on horizontal black lines to create cutting strips for child.



Curvy Lines

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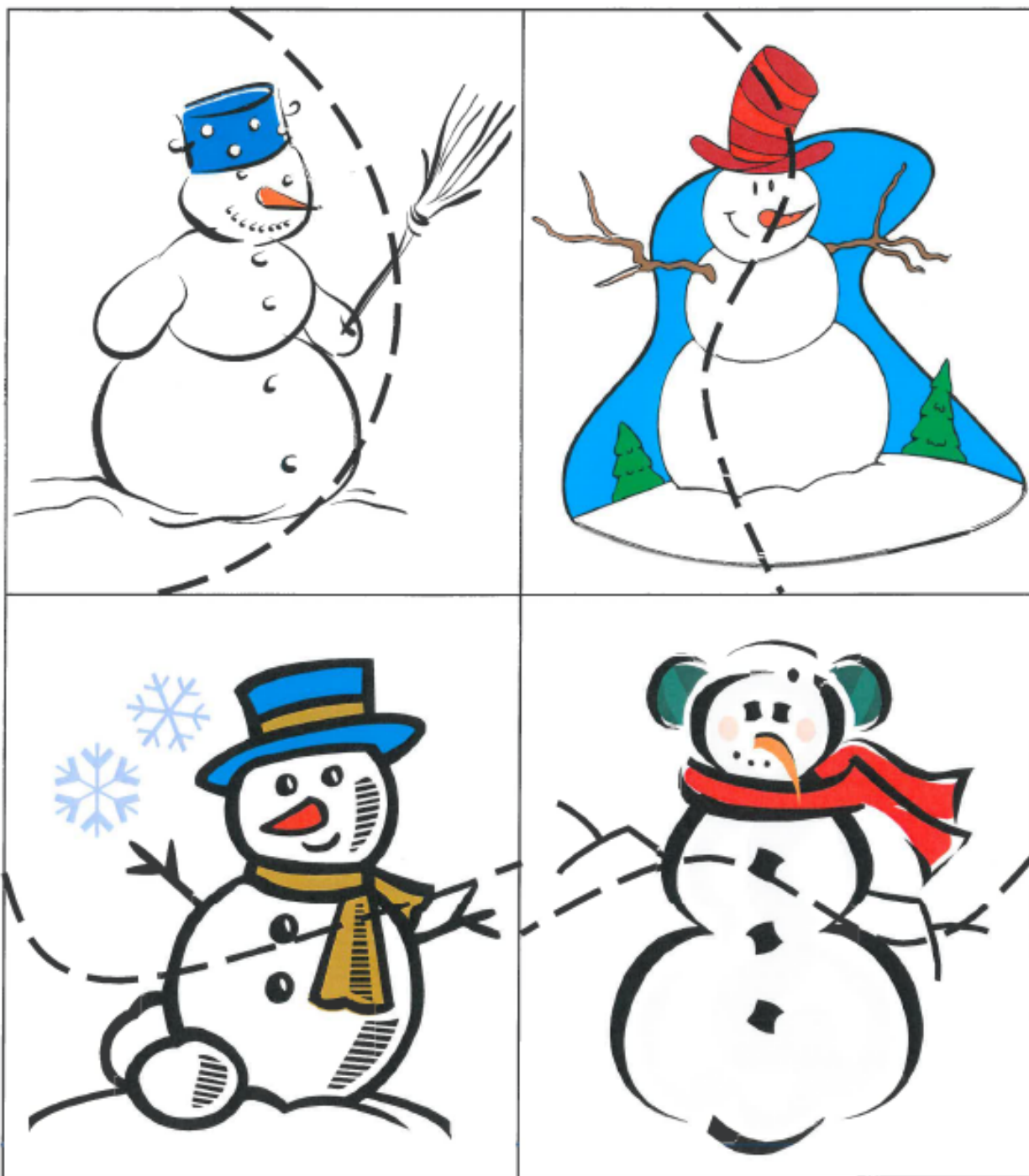
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# Winter Fine Motor Activities

Cut it Out! Level 2- Cutting Cards

Curved Lines

After pictures have been cut out, the child can use them as puzzles. Pictures can be glued down onto paper once matched up again.



# Winter Gross Motor Activities

## Snowball Toss

### Materials:

- Several pairs of balled up socks
- Basket, bucket, or large cardboard box

### Directions:

1. Even if there's no snow outside, you can still play with "snowballs" inside. Give your child several pairs of balled up socks (snowballs).
2. Place your container about two feet away from your child. See if he/she can throw the "snowballs" into the container.
3. Take turns throwing the "snowballs" into the container.
4. As your child masters throwing the snowballs from this distance, move the container further away or put it up on a chair for a new challenge.

**Alternative:** Use your "snowballs" for a snowball fight. Hide behind a table or couch and have a good old fashioned snowball fight.



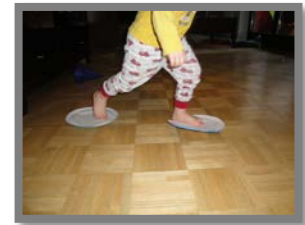
## Indoor Ice Skating

### Materials:

- 2 paper plates

### Directions:

1. Find an area in your house with plenty of open space, such as a hallway, living room, etc.
2. Have your child put one paper plate (ice skates) under each foot.
3. Let your child skate around the room. Turn on some fun winter music.
4. Have your child try to skate in circles or go backwards.



## Penguin Race

### Materials:

- Balled up pair of socks or bean bag (penguin egg)

### Directions:

1. Explain to your child that it is the job of penguin fathers to keep unhatched penguin eggs from rolling off the cliffs where the birds nest. So, for weeks, he carries the egg on top of his feet. For this race, your child will get to see what it is like to be a penguin dad.
2. Mark off a starting line. Place the socks or bean bag on top of your child's feet. Your child will have to try to get to the finish line by shuffling with the "egg" on his feet. If the "egg" falls off, your child has to put it back on and try again.
3. If you have two or more participants, you can see who can cross the finish line with the "egg" still on the feet, first.



# Winter Dramatic Play Activities

**Indoor Igloo:** Help your child build an igloo (fort) out of blankets and pillows. Ask your child what items they might need in the igloo to live and gather those items to use for the pretend igloo.

**Snowy Day:** Even if there's no snow outside, your child will still enjoy dressing up in winter clothing. Give your child gloves, hats, scarves, coats, hats, and boots to play with. He/she can pretend to throw snowballs (socks or cotton balls), shovel snow (small shovel or broom), or make snow forts or snowmen out of pillows.

**Hot Chocolate Store:** Provide your child with several cups, a plastic pitcher, a box (cash register), several construction paper rectangles and circles (money), a table, and other paper to take orders or make a sign. Help your child make a sign for the hot chocolate store and hang it up. Then, you or other family members can pretend to be customers at the store while your child takes orders, counts money, and serves hot chocolate.



**Ice Fishing:** Explain to your child that some people go fishing in the winter and have to cut holes in the ice to do so. Sometimes they set up cabins on the ice. Ask your child what he/she would need to go ice fishing. You may need winter clothing, a stick with string attached (fishing pole), paper or plastic fish, a bucket or bathtub (for the lake), pans to cook the fish, etc.

**Winter Olympics:** If your child is unfamiliar with winter sports such as skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, or bobsledding, let him/her watch or see pictures on the internet or check a book out of the library. Then set up the Winter Olympics in your house or outside.

- **Bobsledding:** Let your child decorate an empty cardboard box (or laundry basket), big enough to sit in. He/she can pretend to bobsled down a hallway. If there is snow, your child can use an actual sled to go bobsledding outside.
- **Ice Skating:** Put two paper plates under your child's feet and turn on some music. If he/she has any dress up clothes, your child may want to wear them as costumes during his/her ice skating routine.
- **Snowboarding:** Let your child decorate a large, flat piece of cardboard. Wearing winter clothing, he/she can pretend to be snowboarding down a mountainside.



# Winter Activity Resources

[www.education.com](http://www.education.com)

[www.hummingbirded.com/winter-snow](http://www.hummingbirded.com/winter-snow)

[www.giftofcuriosity.com](http://www.giftofcuriosity.com)

[www.thisreadingmama.com](http://www.thisreadingmama.com)

[www.babbledabbledo.com](http://www.babbledabbledo.com)

[www.dltk-teach.com](http://www.dltk-teach.com)

[www.everythingpreschool.com](http://www.everythingpreschool.com)

[www.holiday-kids-crafts.com](http://www.holiday-kids-crafts.com)

[www.artfulparent.com](http://www.artfulparent.com)

[www.preschool-plan-it.com](http://www.preschool-plan-it.com)

[www.toosmall.org](http://www.toosmall.org)

[www.handsonaswegrow.com](http://www.handsonaswegrow.com)

[www.littlefamilyfun.com](http://www.littlefamilyfun.com)

[www.allkidsnetwork.com](http://www.allkidsnetwork.com)

[www.kidsparkz.com](http://www.kidsparkz.com)

[www.fun-a-day.com](http://www.fun-a-day.com)

[www.preschooleducation.com](http://www.preschooleducation.com)

[www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com](http://www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com)

[www.momto2poshlildivas.com](http://www.momto2poshlildivas.com)

[www.childcarelounge.com](http://www.childcarelounge.com)

[www.pre-kpages.com](http://www.pre-kpages.com)







Dear HIPPY Coordinators,

The HIPPY Arkansas State Office has put together a “Let It Snow” Winter Activity Packet that can be distributed to the parents during the winter break or can be utilized at Parent Group Meetings. As you look through the packet, you will notice that the skills developed by each activity are listed above the page. The activities focus on six learning domains: (Literacy, Math, Science, Motor, Language and Letter Recognition).

The winter activity packet simplifies the use of the child’s home environment and the outside world to promote discovery. Parents are to guide the activities to help their children find answers through “trying new things” and hands-on explorations. The “Let It Snow” winter activities encourage conversation, communication, interaction, and observation with the child. As you can see, most of these activities help children develop more than one important skill set that will prepare them for kindergarten.

It is our hope that you, the Homebased Educators, and your families enjoy the themed packet while at the same time be able to observe and document important learning skills.

So pass out these “Let It Snow” activity packets and enjoy watching the children’s learning snowball.

Thank you,  
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