

## Snow!

### Art

Fluffy Snow: tear your cotton balls apart and glue them to your paper to create snow! For extra art, draw animals or people having fun in the snow!

Salt snow:

Use watercolors to paint a picture, then sprinkle salt over the wet paint. The salt will react to the water and leave snow patterns across your paint!

### Rhyme

#### **Let's Go Walking in the Snow**

Let's go walking in the snow (**walk**)  
Walking walking on tiptoe (**walk on tiptoe**)  
Lift your one foot way up high (**lift foot high**)  
Then the other to keep it dry (**lift other foot**)  
All around the yard we skip (**skip in circle**)  
Watch your step or you might slip! (**fall down**)

Songs (you can also find these songs through a YouTube search)

"Keep Me Warm" by the Okee Dokee Brothers: [https://youtu.be/W5-QnGtja\\_U](https://youtu.be/W5-QnGtja_U)

"Blankets of Snow" by the Okee Dokee Brothers: <https://youtu.be/qXju0qJabew>

"Yuki" by Elizabeth Mitchell: <https://youtu.be/ILdgPmbke1Y>

### Games

#### **Buried (in snow) treasure hunt**

Unleash your child's inner pirate and send them off to find hidden loot. Hide a number of items in an area of snow (large or small depending on the age of your child) and let your kids know what you've buried (12 toy cars, 15 plastic dinosaurs, etc.). They'll love digging to find the treasure.

#### **Snow baking**

Pack hard snow onto a cookie sheet and use different shapes of cookie cutters to create snow cookies. Move the "cookies" onto a second cookie pan and pretend-bake for as long as your child's imagination feels it should take to make the perfect treat. Decorate the cookies with bits of twigs, berries, or any other items kids discover near their baking area.

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### **Winter bubble blowing**

On a really, really cold day take regular old “bubble juice” and wands outside to see the beauty that icy bubbles make. Kids will oooh and aaah when they see the cool shapes float in the air or land on surfaces in icy globes. See if they can catch the bubbles in their hands before they burst. Use a variety of wands to see an even bigger variety of icy bubbles.

### **Snowball targets**

To redirect your kids from throwing snowballs at their siblings or friends, set up a variety of bulls-eyes to redirect their fun. To make targets, draw chalk squares on a wall, or see how high your kids can throw their snowballs at a tree trunk. Or make targets on the ground with hula hoops, a circle of rocks, or a ring “drawn” using coloured water in a spray bottle.

### **Snow raceway**

Bring out your child’s toy cars and use shovels and mittened hands to build an Indy-inspired track. Be sure to include twists, turns, and even ramps for the cars to slide down.

### **Snow volcano**

Combining science and outdoor play could not get any more fun (and, trust me, when I did this with my four-year-old, we were both very excited!) Make a mountain of snow about adult-shin height and bury a small bowl or empty water bottle at the top. Pack snow around the container and make sure the top isn’t blocked by the snow. Fill the container with vinegar and a few drops of food colouring. Give your child a heaping tablespoon of baking soda, have them dump it in, and stand back while the “lava” flows. As the bubbling starts to slow, add more baking soda to get the volcano erupting again.

### **Snowball knockdown**

Roll a number of snowballs together and stack them into a tower. Give your kids balls or beanbags and have them knock that tower down. How many tries will it take? (And how tall can a parent build a tower of snowballs without it falling down?)

### **Animal track hunt**

Take a walk or hike and see what animals have been ambling around your yard, local park, schoolyard, or hiking trails. Can you tell if raccoons, squirrels, cats, dogs, deer, skunks, foxes, otters, or birds have been bouncing, galloping, or walking in the snow? Have your kids take a sketchbook along to draw the tracks for further fun.

### **Paint the snow**

Fill spray bottles with water and food coloring. There’s no limit to the designs your child can create!

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### Sensory Activity

#### Ice Painting:

- A sink or container
- Paint
- Brushes
- Ice cubes

Fill a container (or your sink for even easier clean up!) with ice cubes. Use brushes to paint colors onto the ice. When you are done playing, rinse away for easy clean up!

