

Hyatt's Survival Guide for Winter

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Art is a great way to spend the time when you're stuck inside, but it can also be a great excuse to get people together. Most of these activities don't involve a lot of supplies and are great to do with a group whether it's kids or adults! They are also geared towards all skill levels so no experience is required and there is something for all age groups from younger kids to older adults!

Want to make fighting winter boredom even simpler? We've provided a list of kits you can get that are ready to go and include all the supplies you need so it's just a matter of taking them out of the box. The best part - all are under \$25 so there's no need to break your budget!

So have some fun with your family and friends this season and try some new art activities!

*Happy Holidays from
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Origami is the ancient art of paper folding and is simple to learn for all ages with some practice. If you are new to origami, check out the links section for some great Web sites with explanations of symbols and basic folds. Once you've done that, we've given you directions for a crane and dove, which are two beginner creations that make pretty decorations, and links to other patterns and activities to try that are more challenging.



Tip: If you want to make ornaments out of any of your creations, just take a threaded needle and poke a small hole in the paper when finished to create a loop for hanging.

Origami Paper:

If you are a beginner, it is easiest to start with a package of real origami paper, as it is cut into precise squares that will make folding easier. Origami paper does come in a few different standard sizes, but a good size to start with is 5.8" x 5.8". A package of 100 sheets of plain colored paper is under \$10 and will supply you with hours of fun. Once you've gained some experience, making your own origami paper by cutting out squares from larger sheets of decorative paper is a great option.

Other Supplies:

Pencil - rolling over creases with a pencil will make them crisp.

Scissors - some patterns may call for you to cut your paper to make decorative effects.

Educational Links:

[Origami for Everyone: Intro to Origami Diagrams](#)

[Origami for Everyone: Basic Folds](#)

Supply Links:

[Origami Fun Kit for Beginners](#)

[Fun with Origami Book](#)

[Origami for the Enthusiast](#)

[Origami Paper & Kits](#)

[Origami Books](#)

Project Links:

[Photo Cube](#)

[Desktop Mobile](#)

[Pop Up Box](#)

[Holiday Tree](#)

[3D Ornament](#)

[Paper Star](#)

Crane - The crane is a classic origami pattern that can be placed in centerpieces or use a needle and thread to create a loop to hang them on your tree or in windows.

[Watch video instructions here](#)

1. Begin with a square sheet of origami paper, color side facing down.
2. Fold in half corner to corner to get a triangle, unfold and fold opposite corners.
3. Unfold to get a square again and fold paper in half side to side in each direction.
4. Bring sides together and it should easily collapse into a square (color side out).
5. You should now have a small square.
6. With the open end pointing up, fold one corner of the square to the center so the edge is lined up with the center crease. Repeat with the other corner.
7. Flip the paper over and repeat step 8 on both corners on that side.
8. Fold the remaining flap at the bottom up and make a hard crease.
9. On one side, open all the flaps so it lays flat.
10. Lift the top flap on the open side and fold it upwards towards you, bringing in the sides and folding them down until they lay flat.
11. Flip the paper over and repeat steps 8-10 on that side.
12. Open the flap like a book and fold the bottom flap up.
13. Fold the flap like a book again to the right and fold over the remaining flap like a book again.
14. Fold the bottom up so all points should be facing up.
15. Hold it in the middle at the bottom and pull one inside triangle out to the right at 45 degree angle and crease. Take the remaining inside triangle and do the same thing, to the left.
16. Bring down the tip of the left triangle you made in the previous step and then crease up to make the head.

Dove - As a symbol of peace, the dove is a wonderful design for the holidays and simple for anyone.

[Watch video instructions here](#)

1. Fold a square piece of origami paper in half.
2. Open it up and lay flat.
3. Turn the top two corners into the center crease to form a point on top.
4. Fold the paper in half down the center crease and turn the paper on its side with the point facing left.
5. Fold the point down slightly and crease (this will become the head).
6. Turn over and repeat step 5, folding down on the same crease.
7. Open up the whole paper (color side down) and push the "head" up from the colored side in and fold the paper along the center crease again. The head should now stick out.
8. Turn it over with the head facing to the left again.
9. Take a pencil and place a small dot in the center of the body.
10. Make two more dots along the right edge - one halfway down and one in the bottom corner.
11. Take scissors and cut from the dot on the edge halfway down to the center dot and then do a wavy cut from the dot in the bottom corner to the dot in the center.
12. Make another wavy cut along the remaining right edge.
13. Now fold one side of the bottom piece up to form the wing.
14. Turn over and repeat step 13.

Tips on Working with Clay

Where to work: Set-up your work area on a hard, stable surface such as a kitchen table or counter top and make sure the surface is clean. To make cleaning up a snap, cover the surface with wax or parchment paper.

Working with the clay:

When first working with Sculpey, it is best to knead it in your hands for a few minutes until it's soft and easily workable.

When connecting pieces of clay, firmly press them together so they will stay adhered during baking. If pieces do come apart during baking, most can be easily glued back together using super glue.

Two or more colors of clay may be blended together to create a new color the same way you would mix paint. When blending, it is best to start with your lightest color and add the darker color to it gradually.

Baking Sculpey: All Sculpey must be baked to harden. This should be done only in an oven at a temperature no higher than 275 degrees. The general rule is bake for 15 minutes per 1/4" thickness. Clay should also be placed in an oven proof baking dish or on a cookie sheet for baking. We have provided baking guidelines for each project, but keep an eye on your clay as it is possible to burn it and over baking may cause it to become more brittle.

Links for Materials and More Ideas:

[Sculpey III Clay](#)

[Clay Tools](#)

[Sculpey's website for additional ideas!](#)

Snowflake Picture Ornament

One package of clay will make multiple ornaments depending on the size of your cookie cutter and any color clay may be used for this project.

Optional: Prepare work space with wax or parchment paper.

1. Roll out at least 1/2 the package of clay for your snowflake with a rolling pin until it's about 1/4"-1/2" thickness.

2. Cut out the snowflake with the cookie cutter.

3. In the center of the snowflake, cut out an oval or circle shape with your clay blade.

Optional: Take a small ball of gold clay and roll it into a coil. Place coil around the cut out oval in the middle.

6. Use the clay blade to cut out a small circle at the very top of the snowflake. (To place the ribbon through after baking)

7. Place in baking dish and bake at 265 degrees for approximately 20-30 minutes.

8. When baked and cooled - cut out a picture and glue it to the back, making sure it is properly aligned with the oval.

Optional: Glue glitter on your ornament after it has baked to add some sparkle.

9. Thread a length of ribbon through the hole at the top and tie in a bow.

Materials Needed:

- 1 Package of blue or white Sculpey III clay
- 1 Snowflake-shaped cookie cutter
- 1 Clay blade
- 1 Rolling pin or clay roller
- 1 Baking dish
- Some ribbon

Optional Materials

- * Wax or parchment paper
- * 1 Package gold Sculpey III clay
- * Glitter, brush, glue



Variations:

This project can be done using different shaped cookie cutters such as a star, stocking or tree and using unusual colors can make unique ornaments. Don't be afraid to add your own touch!

Cookie Cutter Christmas Tree

by Kris Richards

Optional: Prepare work space with wax or parchment paper.

1. Roll out the entire package of green clay to a 1/4" thickness with your rolling pin.
2. Line up your star cookie cutters from largest to smallest.
3. Using your largest cookie cutter, cut out two stars from the green clay.
4. Place the two stars on top of each other, slightly pressing them together. Make sure the points are staggered.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 with your other cookie cutters, making two stars of each size.
6. Your tree should stand about 8 stars high, but you can make it smaller or bigger based on preference.
7. From the gold clay, cut out a star using your smallest cookie cutter to use as a tree topper. You may have to make it smaller using the clay blade. Place on top of the tree.
8. Using the red clay, roll several small balls and place on the points of all or some of the stars to create the look of ornaments.
9. Place in baking dish and bake for 30 minutes at 275 degrees. Do not touch until completely cool.

Tips:

*If the clay is too hard to roll out, divide in half and roll each half into a ball. Warm the clay in your fist for a minute before rolling out.

*If you do not have a cookie cutter small enough for your top most stars, use the clay blade to cut around a bigger star to make smaller ones.

Materials Needed:

- 1 Package green, red, and gold Sculpey III clay
- 3-4 Star-shaped cookie cutters from large to small
- 1 Clay blade
- 1 Rolling pin or clay roller
- 1 Baking dish

Optional Materials

*Wax or parchment paper



How to Make Winter Snowglobes Using Clay

Project Planning

Designing your own snowglobe can be a fun activity for the whole family, but it definitely requires some planning ahead of time.

First think of your theme since that will determine the supplies you'll need. We've provided specific material lists and directions for two different winter ideas, but feel free to get creative and design your own winter scenes that may make use of other materials.

Start looking for good jars to use ahead of time and make sure you gather enough for everyone participating. They should be glass and must have a good top that you can screw on tightly.

Think about products you use around the house that use jars and recycle them. It's a great option that doesn't cost you a thing!

Good Jar Options:

- * Pickle jars
- * Jam/Jelly jars
- * Baby food jars
- * Sauce jars
- * Large glass juice bottles



***See previous notes on working with clay and baking Sculpey for tips!**

The Vase Variation: Some people use small to medium sized vases instead of jars to create a more traditional, rounded appearance. Vases can work great, but sealing them can be more difficult. If you choose to use a vase be sure your clay base fits tightly in the vase opening. To seal, place the sealant around the inside of the vase opening and then place your base inside. It should fit snugly and an extra bead of sealant around the outside of the opening is also a good idea. I only recommend this for adults, as the jar method is much easier for children to help with during the building process.



Links for Materials and More Ideas:

[Sculpey III Clay](#)

[Clay Tools](#)

[Sculpey's website for additional ideas!](#)

Notice: While making your own snowglobe is a great activity for both kids and adults, make sure kids are supervised, as many parts of the project need the help of an adult.

Melting Snowman Scene

This is the easiest design and great for little hands (with some help) and jars of any size...just vary the size of your snowman!

Prepare: Gather all your supplies and cover your work surface with wax or parchment paper.

1. Start by making your base out of white clay. It should be slightly smaller in diameter than your jar lid and around 2" thick (this could vary based on the height of your jar).

*The size of your base will determine the size of your "melting snowman".

2. Begin by taking a small amount of white clay and flattening it out.

3. Take some of your Aluminum foil and make a small ball. Drap your rolled out white clay over the ball. Place this on your base. Note: It should not be wider than your base.

4. Make a small ball out of white clay for the snowman's head. Place it on top of the form made in step 3. You now have your "melting snowman".

Eyes & Mouth - several small balls pressed into the head.

Nose - a skinny triangle out of orange for a "carrot" nose or another small ball out of black or red clay.

Boots - 4 clay logs (2 smaller, 2 larger) out of black clay. Put the smaller log on top of the larger log and blend together. Place around the melted body.

Hat & Scarf - a hat can be made by creating a cone shape and placing a ball of a different color on top. Angle it on the head so it appears to be slipping off. The scarf is just a coil flattened and place it drapping around the snowman.

Baking: Place snowman in your oven proof dish and bake at 265 degrees for 20-30 minutes.

How to Make a Full Snowman:

If you would like to make a full snowman instead of the melted one, it's easy! Just follow these adjustments to the steps above.

1. Make your base the same as step 1.
2. Make three balls from large to small out of the white clay and place them on top of each other. (Make sure the snowman will fit inside your jar)
3. Follow steps 5-8 above except place everything in the proper spots on the snowman.
4. Bake full snowman at 275 degrees for 30 minutes.

Materials Needed:

1-2 Packs of white Sculpey clay

1 Pack of Sculpey in: black, orange,
1-2 other colors

Rolling pin

Aluminum foil

Wax or parchment paper

Oven proof dish/cookie sheet



This is the general idea of the "melting snowman" and can be made in any size depending on your jar.

Christmas Tree Scene

This scene is a little more complicated, but still simple enough for older kids. You can also add more decorations to the scene if you want to. This is best done when you have a larger jar.

Prepare: Gather all your supplies and cover your work surface with wax or parchment paper.

1. Start by making your base out of white clay. It should be slightly smaller in diameter than your jar lid and around 2" thick (this could vary based on the height of your jar).

*The size of your base will determine the size of your tree.

2. Make the trunk of your tree out of a green log. It should be about 1/2" wide and 1" high depending on the size of your base and jar. Place it securely in the center of your white base.

3. Place the toothpick into the middle of your tree trunk.

4. To make the tree branches:

*Make several logs of green clay. Start larger for the bottom and go smaller for branches at the top.

* Flatten one log at a time and make a point at one end.

4. Attach the base of each branch to the side of the toothpick. Place about 4 branches per a level and vary the points. See picture.

5. Continue to build each level until you've reached the top (remembering to use smaller branches on top). When you are finished with the branches you should only see the very top of the toothpick.

6. Make a star shape for the top of the tree out of another color of clay (or you can do other shapes like a heart) and place it onto the top of the toothpick.

Additional Decorations:

Presents - cubes of clay in different colors around the base.

Ball ornaments - small balls of clay placed on the ends of the branches.

After the tree is baked you could also glue glitter or ribbon around the tree for decoration.

Baking: Place tree in your oven proof dish and bake at 275 degrees for approximately 30 minutes.

Materials Needed:

1-2 Packs of green Sculpey clay

1 Pack of clay: white, red/yellow

1 Toothpick per tree

Wax or parchment paper

Oven proof dish/cookie sheet

Optional Materials:

More clay to make presents/tree decorations.

Glitter

Ribbon



Example of a tree not yet on a base. Remember to keep in mind the size of your jar when building your tree.

How to Put Together Your Snowglobe

1. Create your winter scene by following one of the project ideas listed on the previous pages.
2. Attach your baked and cooled winter scene by the base to the inside of the lid of your jar using silicone sealant or hot glue. Allow to completely dry.
3. Meanwhile, decide on the materials you are going to use for snow. Eggshells that have been slightly crushed (not to a dust) work great and combine with glitter or confetti.
4. Fill your jar almost completely with water and put a few drops of glycerine in.
5. Next, place your “snow” mixture into your water. Experiment with how much looks good, depending on the size of your jar. When done, set aside.
6. When your jar lid has dried, check to make sure your jar has enough water and place your lid on the jar. Make sure to screw it on tight.
7. Turn the jar upside down (lid down) and dry any water that may have leaked or gotten on the jar.
8. To finish, place a ring of sealant where the lid meets the jar. Make sure you do not move the jar during this or while it is drying, because that may force water out and cause air bubbles or leaks to form.
9. Allow to dry overnight.

Optional: You may want to decorate the jar lid with fabric or ribbon for a finished look to the snowglobe.

Materials Needed:

1 Glass jar

Glitter, crushed eggshells and/or confetti

Distilled or boiled water

Glycerine

Silicone sealant or hot glue

Optional Materials:

Fabric

Ribbon



Handmade cards can add a personal touch to any occasion, especially the holidays. Check out these simple methods for making beautiful cards that will impress everyone on your list and our suggestions for the best materials and tools to use!

The Best Materials and Tools for Cardmaking:

Blank Pre-formed Cards - Pre-formed cards can save you time and effort in trying to create identical cards on your own. Strathmore has several varieties that are reasonably priced, include envelopes, and are made from quality paper.

Nori Paste - A great paper glue that will not wrinkle or soak through paper. Works especially well when using thin, decorative paper. Remember a little goes a long way.

Faber Castell Pitt Markers - Excellent for sketching and writing messages on Strathmore cards, these markers are also waterproof, lightfast, and have a brush point. Also available in metallic silver and gold.

Gelly Roll Pens - Their metallic, shadow, and moonlight pens can add special touches to your cards and make them sparkle.

Paper Buying Tips: A package of decorative origami paper can make beautiful and unique cut-outs for your cards without the cost of buying individual sheets of decorative paper. Using a large quantity of one color? Buy one large sheet of paper instead of multiple smaller ones. This often saves you money and you might even have some left over for next year's card making or another project (Canford and Mi-Teintes are great options for buying large sheets and come in a variety of colors).

Paper Designs

Decorating the front of cards with paper cut-outs is a simple method that can have beautiful effects. It is also a great activity for kids!



1. Chose 1-3 holiday shapes to use in a design.
2. Either make or purchase a stencil for each shape you chose. (Dover stencil books come in a variety of holiday themes and are very affordable.)
3. Chose the paper you want to use. Get creative here - using non-traditional paper or colors can make your design pop. *See the section on paper buying tips for more ideas.
4. Cut-out your shapes and experiment with their arrangement. By using different paper combinations and arrangements, it is easy to make each card unique.
5. Carefully glue the shapes in place and you're all set. Make sure you use a paper friendly adhesive such as Nori Paste or a traditional glue stick.



Cards Using Recycled Materials - Want a neat idea for using recycled materials in your cards? Using magazine advertisements/photographs or newspaper for your cut-outs can create a unique effect that also helps the environment by recycling materials. This works best if using only one shape for your cards or if mixed with shapes cut-out of solid colored paper.

Photo Cards Using photographs to decorate cards turns card making into a snap. Whether you use regular blank cards and simply place your photograph on the front (double sided scrapbooking tape works great for this) or use Strathmore's Photo Cards that have a special opening you can simply slide your photograph into, you can create personal cards fast.

Photographs don't have to be limited to family portraits either (although those are great). Nature photos of your own backyard, holiday photos of pets, even a picture of your holiday decorations can be great to use. Also experiment with black and white, sepia or other effects that can usually be easily generated in most photo editing software.

Sparkling Ornaments

1. Choose your adhesive. Craft glue may take a little longer, but you can get some nice effects. If time is an issue, you'll love how fast these can be done with spray adhesive.

If using craft glue: Mix one part water with two parts glue and pour mixture into ball. Cover opening with finger or paper towel and turn to coat inside completely. Pour out excess. Let dry until glue mixture is no longer runny.

If using spray adhesive: Place nozzle of spray adhesive close to opening of ornament and, in two short sprays, coat inside.

2 Try one of these techniques:

Iridescent finish: Put approximately 1/2 tsp. of Pearl Ex into ornament. Narrow craft sticks work nicely to get the Pearl Ex inside of the ornament. Hold fingertip or paper towel over opening. Turn and tap ball to coat inside. Pour out excess. Repeat with glue or adhesive and other colors if you like.

Speckled Faux finish: Load a dry artist's brush with Pearl Ex. Place in ball, being careful not to touch sides and flick. Repeat with several colors.

Antique Keepsakes: This technique works best on the larger ornaments and/or with smaller pictures. With artist's paint brush, white glue the fronts of magazine or Xerox pictures. Using tweezers, place these in the ornament. With a pencil eraser, firmly attach while removing creases and air bubbles, especially around the edges of the picture. Brush a coat of white glue to back of pictures. Let dry until glue is completely clear.

Coat the inside of an ornament with one of the above finishes. As an alternative, try glueing the picture to the outside of the ornament. When it has dried overnight, use ribbon to hang your ornament on a tree!

Optional: Make any of these finishes opaque by pouring Jacquard Textile Paints or Lumiere Metallics into the opening of the ornament. Pour slowly around the rim while turning the ornament to get the paint to run down the sides of the ornament. Cover opening and turn ball to coat inside. Use one or more colors. Pour out excess, set with dryer or air dry, turning occasionally to prevent puddles.

Materials Needed:

Clear glass ball ornaments

Jacquard Pearl Ex Powders

Spray adhesive or craft glue that dries clear

Craft sticks and/or paint brush

Paper towels

Ribbon

Optional Materials:

Jacquard Textile Paints



Caution: When setting glue mixture or paints with hair dryer, be very careful not to overheat the ornament causing it to break.

Kits for Kids

Younger Kids



Brain Noodle Kits - Large bendable “noodles” are similar to pipe cleaners but there are no sharp metal ends to worry about. Available in individual or kits with directions on projects!

Kits \$14.95

[Pirate](#) & [Princess](#) & [Dinosaurs](#)

Moon Sand Kit - A new material that acts just like sand and will never dry out! Comes with one package of moon sand and 8-piece castle mold set. Refill sand packages available in different colors. For ages 3 and up.

Kit \$24.95 Refill Packages 5lbs. \$19.95

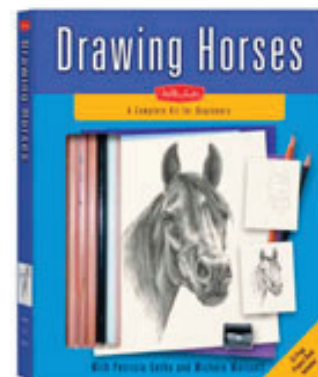


Older Kids



Create Your Own Book - Kids can write and illustrate blank books with their very own stories! Kit includes 2 hardcover books, markers, stickers and more. **Kit \$20.00**

Foster Drawing Kits - Includes everything you need to learn how to draw [Dragons](#) or [Horses](#) including materials and directions! **Kits \$16.98**

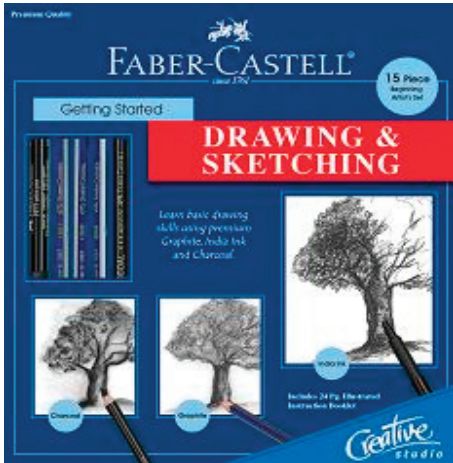


Various Ages



Paint by Number Kits - From easy to hard, there are paint by numbers for every age and level! They are a great project to do that involves minimal supplies and doesn't make a huge mess.

Kits for Adults



Faber-Castell Creative Studio Kits - Great for the beginner wanting to get started in Watercolor Pencil, Drawing & Sketching, or Soft Pastel. Kits include all your materials, pad, and techniques booklet. **Kits \$16.98**

Faber-Castell Graphite Set w/Sketch Pad - A special value set that includes a Graphite Sketch Set with pencils, eraser, and sharpener with a free 6 x 8.5" sketch pad. **Kits \$6.95**

Reeves Acrylic 18 Tube Set - This set is great because it gives you experiment with in one package at a great price! **Set \$9.89**

Basics Acrylic Sets - These sets are a great value for students and value in one package!

12 Color Set \$15.94 22 Color Set \$23.44

