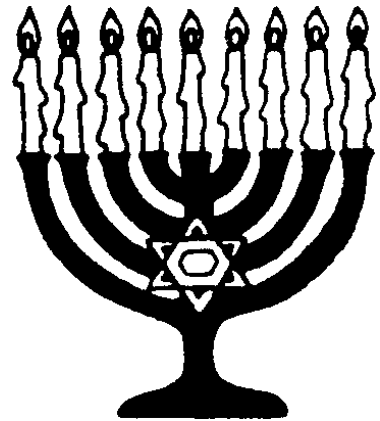


Let's Celebrate



DECEMBER 1998

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

We pray for children

who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
who like to be tickled,
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
who sneak popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those

who stare at photographers behind barbed wire,
who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead in,
who never go to the park,
who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children

who bring us sticky fingers and fistfuls of dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
who cover themselves with bandaids and sing off key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those

who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have a room to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's refrigerator,
whose monsters are real.

We pray for children

who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
who like ghost stories,
who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub,
who get visits from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
whose teams we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those

whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything,
who have never seen a dentist,
who aren't spoiled by anybody,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must,

for those we never give up on and
for those who don't get a second chance,
for those we smother...
and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

DEN AND SERVICE PROJECTS

Here are some ideas for den and pack service projects. No doubt you and your Cub Scouts will be able to think of many more useful service projects. Churches, charitable organizations, your chartered organization, and City Hall can give you ideas.

Participate in the Christmas Wish Tree program and donate gifts for homeless children and families at the Family Living Center, home of Pack 99. Flyers are available at the Scout Service Center and your District Roundtable in November.

Collect money or have a fundraising project such as recycling, and contribute toward the World Friendship Fund. The World Friendship Fund is administered by the Boy Scouts of America to help struggling Scouting associations in other lands. (More on this in the Cub Scout Leader Book, pages 6-4 to 6-5)

Collect clothing, toys, books, school supplies and canned goods for shelters for needy families. Make Christmas tree decorations, trays of favors, or holiday mantelpiece for nursing homes. Visit, put on a skit, sing songs at day care centers, nursing schools, or nursing homes. Read books to small children at day care centers; make friends with small children. Save money from recycling, buy a tree, trim it for a needy family.

(Contact an adopt-a-family program)

Make holiday song books (decorate, staple or bind with ribbons) and give them out at nursing homes. Sing with them, first.

Make games or puzzles for the shut-ins, day care centers or needy families.

Collect and repair toys for the Toys for Tots or a similar program.

Collect books and magazines for needy families, send them with homemade bookmarks.

Make bird feeders, string popcorn and cranberries and hang them where the elderly and the shut-ins may watch the birds come to feed.

Help elderly person or shut-ins to decorate their home for Christmas. Be sure to help them take down the decorations after Christmas.

Do yard work for the elderly or shut-in.

Clean up the grounds, plant flowers for the chartered organization.

Do yard work regularly during the month for a church or temple.

Please note:

Most institutions have restrictions; so be sure to clear with them before you undertake a project. When you are visiting a place that is normally isolated from the outside world, like a nursing home or convalescent home, please be careful about taking children who have severe colds. One official commented that their patients/residents are susceptible to outside germs.

Remind the boys that a service project is not limited to the holiday season. Many organizations need help throughout the year. The holiday season is just a good time to start a service project. Have the boys get involved in service projects year-round. Projects don't have to be big. Please read pages 9-10 to 9-11 in the Cub Scout Leader Book for a service project that will be ideal for other times of the year.

DEN AND PACK MEETING ACTIVITIES

Have a Den Family Night. Pop popcorn. Sing holiday songs.

Have an evening of caroling in the neighborhood.

String popcorn and decorate a den or pack Christmas tree. Add ornaments made at den meetings.

All month each Cub Scout is to do something (at least once a week) for others. At the pack meeting, the Cub Scout does not tell whom he did it for, but only what he did.

Have each boy from your den choose another boy (preferably from his den or pack) and describe how that boy has helped other people. Or have a leader or parent choose one of the Cub Scouts and describe how he has helped others.

Visit the Christmas in the Park displays in downtown San Jose or a holiday display in your city.

KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday based on the traditional African winter harvest festival. The holiday was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. Kwanzaa, which means “first fruit” in Swahili, focuses on seven principles that contribute to the unity of the African American family. It also focuses on developing community with a sense of African-American cultural heritage. Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1.

Each night families talk about one of the seven principles and how it can be applied to their daily lives. The seven principles are “umojia” (unity), “kujichagulia” (self-determination), “ujima” (collective work and responsibility), “ujamaa” (cooperative economics), “nia” (purpose), “kuumba” (creativity), and “imani” (faith). Children play a central role in this celebration. They light the Kinara (a seven-place candle holder), recite and explain the principles, help prepare special foods, and make music and dance presentations. Gifts are traditionally exchanged on the last day of Kwanzaa.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY

On a den basis, plan interfaith visitations to help teach they boys respect for others’ beliefs and brotherhood.

Tell your boys that Christmas is the time for the observance of the birthday of Jesus Christ and that it is recognized throughout the Christian world. Our celebrating it with parties and gifts is done in remembrance of the gift God gave the world nearly 2,000 years ago.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day celebration to commemorate the victory of a small group of Jews led by Judah Maccabee over the Syrians and Greeks. It’s also a celebration of the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem which was recovered by the Maccabees in 165 BC. The holiday begins on the 25th day of Kislev, third month of the lunar year, which is December 13 in 1998. Hanukkah, too, is a joyous time for giving gifts and celebrating with parties, games, and holiday foods as well as observing religious freedom.

CELEBRATION WORD SEARCH

Find the following words. The words may go forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally. Letter may appear in more than one word.

HOLIDAYS
 TREES
 KWANZAA
 CANDLES
 HANUKKAH
 STARS
 CHRISTMAS
 FEAST
 THANKS
 MENORAH
 READ
 GIFTS
 PIE

H A N U K K A H K O
 O A T H A N K S W S
 L F R S E E R T A E
 I E B O G E N A N L
 D A P I N R O R Z D
 A S F I O E O S A N
 Y T L C E G M E A A
 S A M T S I R H C C

Unscramble the leftover letters to fill in the blank below.

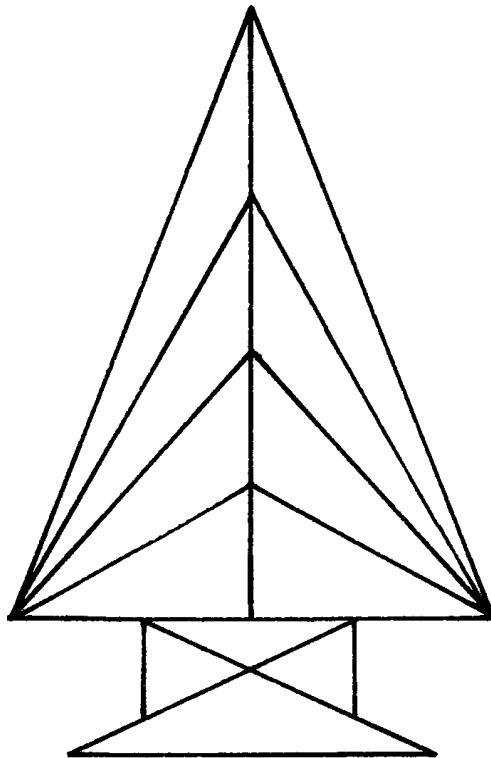
WHAT DO TURKEYS DRINK FROM?

___ _ _ _ B _ _ _ —ETS

CORN
 MOON

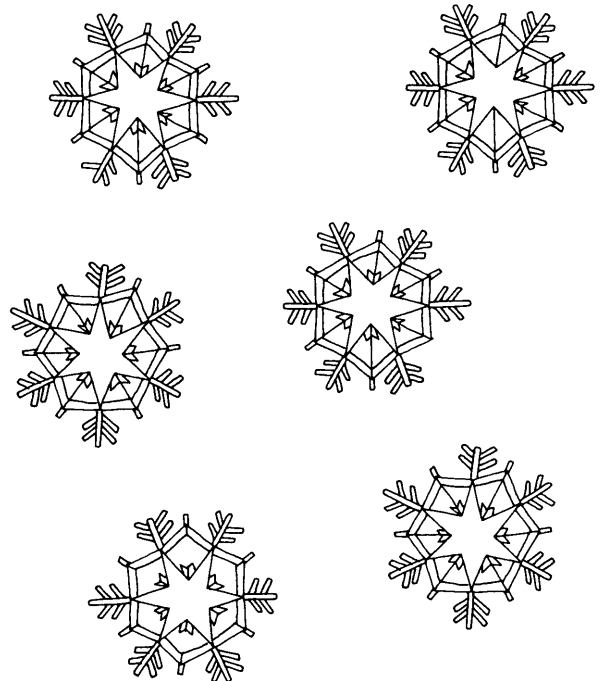
TRIANGLE TREE

There are at least 30 triangles in this Christmas tree. Can you find them?



SNOWFLAKE SCENE

It's said that every falling snowflake is different. In this puzzle, see if you can find the two snowflakes that are exactly alike.



CHRISTMAS GREETING MATCHUP

Below are holiday greetings from 6 different countries. See if you can match each greeting with the country it comes from. Work with your parents.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. Feliz Navidad | a. Italy |
| 2. Joyeux Noel | b. Spain |
| 3. Frohliche Weinachten | c. France |
| 4. Glaedelig Jul | d. Germany |
| 5. Buon Natale | e. Poland |
| 6. Wesolych Swiat | f. Denmark |

Answers: 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-f, 5-a, 6-e

PREOPENING GAMES**GATHERING SNOWBALLS**

As the families gather, present each with a name tag, on which you have left room to write a number. The set-up for this game is a table on which you have placed cotton balls (be sure to have quite a few). You also need either wooden or good sized plastic spoons all the same size. As players enter room have them see how many cotton balls they can gather in an allotted time (10 or 15 seconds) and write their total on their name tag. Remember, with the spoon only; no hands allowed. At the end of the game, award a small prize for the one who collected the most balls.

A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS

Provide sets of four cards. On each card, write one of the first four lines of the famous Christmas poem:

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was sitting, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Suspend the cards with a string around the necks of all the players. On signal, everyone is to scramble about seeking the other three lines of the poem. The first four to line up in the proper sequence are the winners.

LET'S CELEBRATE - OPENING

Nine Cub Scouts are holding cards, each with a letter in front and a word on the back. Last line is delivered by all.

C Candles
 E Everywhere
 L Lights
 E Everyone
 B Bright
 R Reunite
 A Anticipate
 T Together
 E Excitement

CUB SCOUTING CHRISTMAS

C is for Cub Scouts, cheerful and bright.
 H is for Helpful, healthy and right.
 R is for Resources, they try to save.
 I is for Ideals, they like to wave.
 S is for Scarf of yellow and blue.
 T is for Tying they learn to do.
 M is for Magic of which they all shout.
 A is for Akela, our best Scout.
 S is for Something we always have to do.

And this brings a Merry Cub Scouting
 Christmas to you!

LET'S CELEBRATE!

CELEBRATION

- Cub 1: Season's greeting to everyone. We're so glad you joined us for the fun. December is certainly a happy time of year as people celebrate many holidays.
- Cub 2: (carries Menorah or dreidel) For Jewish families in many lands, the eight special days of Hanukkah are a time of celebration and rededication. One candle of the Menorah is lit on each of the eight nights. It's time for games such as spinning the dreidel.
- Cub 3: (carries manger scene) Throughout the world many countries celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. This celebration symbolizes the wish for goodwill and peace among all the people. Many people celebrate by exchanging gifts. Santa visits the boys and girls.
- Cub 4: (carries plate of fruit) Among the African-American families, December 26th starts a seven day celebration called Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa means first fruits of the harvest. The activities end with a big feast and the sharing of homemade gifts.
- Cub 5: (carries music book) Music is often a part of celebrations throughout the world. Let us share in the spirit of the season by opening our meeting with a song.
 (Announce song and audience and Cubs sing together.)

LETS CELEBRATE AT THE ROUNDTABLE

HOLIDAY OPENING CEREMONY

Equipment: U. S. Flag and pack flag, six small flashlights.

Personnel: All dens, Webelos color guard.

Have the dens leave the meeting room, then turn off the room lights. Have a well-rehearsed den lead the pack in a slow march into the room, singing a Christmas carol, Hanukkah song, or a Kwanzaa song. The only illumination is provided by the small flashlights, which are pointed at the ceiling by the first six boys. The Webelos color guard comes last. As the room lights are turned back on, the colors are posted and a Webelos Scout leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS OPENING

Eight Cub Scouts hold cards spelling CUB SCOUT and read the following lines.

- C Happy Holidays means CHEERFUL Cub Scouts. We are cheerful as we work and play.
- U Happy Holidays means USEFUL Cub Scouts. We help our family, our teachers, and Cub Scout leaders.
- B Happy Holidays means BUSY Cub Scouts. We're busy helping other people enjoy the holiday season.
- S Happy Holidays means SERVING Cub Scouts. We give service with a smile and help the needy.
- C Happy Holidays means COURTEOUS Cub Scouts. When we are courteous, other people will be courteous too.
- O Happy Holidays means ORDERLY Cub Scouts. We keep our rooms and belongings orderly which helps our family in this busy season.
- U Happy Holidays means UNDERSTANDING Cub Scouts. We remember to keep secrets, and understand when our parents are tired or busy.
- T Happy Holidays means THANKFUL Cub Scouts. We are thankful for our home, church and school, and for our family and friends.



RUDOLPH APPLAUSE: Put thumbs to your head with fingers up, forming antlers. Wrinkle your nose, saying, "Blink, blink, blink."

ICE CUBE CHEER: Shape an ice cube with a thumb and index finger, saying, "COOOOOOOL!"

DOUBLE ICE CUBE CHEER: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand, saying, "TOOOOO COOOOOOL!"

DOUBLE ICE CUBE CIRCLE CHEER: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand, make a large round motion of with 'ice cubes,' saying, "WAAAAY COOOOOOOL!"

CHRISTMAS FLAG CEREMONY

(opening or closing)

(Flag is spot-lighted)

Many people associate me with sunshine and the Fourth of July. I'd like to tell you about some of my more important days. Christmas Day is not usually thought of as patriotic, but YOU be the judge.

My very first Christmas, I remember very well. I was in a boat with General George Washington, crossing the Delaware on his way to Valley Forge. By Christmas of 1814, Francis Scott Key had written a famous song about me after the British had burned our White House. At Fredricksburg, the Christmas of 1862 found ALL my men free from slavery. I was mighty proud that Christmas. The Christmas of 1917 was a miserable one. I was at Verdun, France, in a cold and freezing battle; but I stayed on to give my men hope. In 1941, General Douglas MacArthur spent Christmas with me in Manila, cheering our men on. Since then, I've been to Korea and Vietnam. I spent a little while in Iran and a long time on the moon. I've spent some time in the Persian Gulf nations too. I've been almost everywhere in the world, on one Christmas or another, since that long-ago time we crossed the Delaware. Some Christmases have been peaceful and beautiful--others sad and dreary. I'll still be around this Christmas. I might not get as much attention as the Christmas tree does, or the presents under the tree. But I'll still be there, giving hope and courage to the men and women willing to fight for me and our county.

(May end with audience standing for the Pledge or simply by the lights dying out.)

WHAT CHRISTMAS DOES TO ME

Bring the candles, light the tree,
There's something Christmas does to me,
It weaves a charm, it casts a spell,
It sheds a warmth I cannot tell.
It melts the years with magic art,
It makes me young again in heart;
I long to give where pity pleads,
I think of friends and human needs,
And thrill with joy as from afar
I hear a song and see a star.
Thank God! Whatever else may be -
For all that Christmas does to me.

-Alfred Grant Walton

SNOWFLAKE CLOSING CEREMONY

Have Cub Scouts and family members cut out snowflakes when they enter the pack meeting, and put their names on them. (Six sided snow flakes can be made by folding a square sheet of paper in half, and then into thirds.) Tape or fasten to a wall, curtain, blackboard or window.

Have you ever caught a snowflake on a black piece of paper and studied it? It is so delicate and fragile that it melts almost before you can pick out its unique shape and structure. And it is unique, because each snowflake forms its own pattern of crystals in a six sided shape. No two are exactly alike. There may be some that are similar, but none are the same.

Each of you created a snowflake tonight. Look at the variety and differences. Each of you started out with the same materials, but you created something that is truly unique.

Every person is unique, too. You may have your Mom's eyes, or your Dad's sense of humor. You may even be a twin and look so much alike that people have trouble telling you apart. But you are different in the things you like, the things you think, and the way you live your lives. You have your own unique contribution to make to the world. You have your own unique gifts and talents that will benefit you and those around you. You have your own unique style, laugh, dreams, and strengths.

One snowflake will melt in an instant. But think of what happens when all those snowflakes are together in one place a one time. A pile of snow can make a ski jump, block a highway, collapse a roof. A mountain of snow can provide water for a town for the whole summer, or carve the sides of a canyon. A lot of snow can accomplish things one snowflake can't, but it takes all of them working together to be successful.

Let's unite ourselves, each unique individual, and work towards the common goals of citizenship, service, physical and spiritual strength, and brotherhood, and see what a contribution we can make to the world. Let's stand and repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

LOVE IS - CLOSING THOUGHT

Love is:

Doing something for others even when you don't have time.
Making others happy when you would rather be alone.
Not being irritable when others get in your way or interrupt you.
Being kind and patient regardless of the circumstances.
Looking for ways to make others happy no matter who they are.
Honest and just, but also tender, understanding, and compassionate.
More than a greeting card or a sentimental love note.
Operative all the time and last for a lifetime.
Not getting upset or angry on the spur of the moment.
Choosing to be consistent through hard experiences
And finds joy in God--Not circumstances.

SANTA'S MAGIC ADVANCEMENT

Equipment: Christmas tree with lights, extra large cardboard telephone, small Christmas stockings with awards inside, candy canes for all children at the pack meeting.

Personnel: Santa Claus, elf (Cubmaster).

Setting: Hang the stockings with awards inside on the tree. Light the Christmas tree and dim the room lights. Santa Claus is outside the room but can be heard by the audience.

Cubmaster: (speaking into telephone) Santa Claus, you will be welcome at the pack meeting. What can we do to help you get here, Santa?

Santa Claus: Why, sing "Here Comes Santa Claus." It will give me all the magic I need to arrive. But remember, everyone must sing for the magic of their voices to guide me.

Cubmaster: Okay, Santa, we'll do our best! (Hangs up the phone and leads the song.)

On the last notes of the song, Santa arrives, calling "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas!" and carrying his bag of gifts, including candy canes for all the children. He takes the stockings from the tree and picks out the advancement awards, calling on the recipients and their parents to come forward. After the parents have pinned awards on the boys' uniforms, Santa gives candy canes to all the children.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS ADVANCEMENT

Equipment: Small Christmas tree, strands of lights (enough so that there is one bulb for each Cub Scout), Awards wrapped in gift wrap and hanging on the tree.

Lights: Blue light bulb for each Bobcat award. Yellow light bulb for each Wolf award or Wolf arrow point. Red light bulb for each Bear award or arrow point. Green light bulb for each Webelos award. White light bulb for each Arrow of Light.

(Before the meeting wrap each of the awards, being sure to write the Cub Scout's name in large easy-to-read letters so each Cub Scout can easily find his award. Have the corresponding colored lights ready on the tree.)

Method: The Christmas tree is on a table or floor, depending on the size of the tree and the pack. Hanging on the tree are the light bulbs of blue, yellow, red, green, and white. These light bulbs are slightly unscrewed so that when the cord is plugged in they do not light. The colors start at the bottom of the tree, starting with the blue and ending with the white on the top of the tree. Also hanging on the tree are the brightly wrapped gifts (awards). As each Cub Scout is called up, he finds his gift and his parents pin the award on him. He then screws in a light bulb, one of the color that matches the award earned. The Arrow of Light awards completes the lighting of the tree. If there are not enough award recipients, after the awards are given have the rest of the pack come up, one by one, and screw in the light bulbs that correspond to their current ranks.

SNOWFLAKE ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster:

One of the most beautiful objects formed by nature is a snowflake. It would take most of us a long time to “design” a shape as beautiful as a single snowflake. Yet, in an ordinary snowstorm billions upon billions of snowflakes fall to the earth, and no two are exactly alike!

Tonight, we are gathered much like snowflakes, in that we are here because of beautiful objects, our sons, and their “designs” are each very different.

When water freezes, it forms crystals. This simply means that the molecules come together in a special arrangement, or geometrical form, and we call this a “crystal.” As it freezes, the crystals that form are so small that they are invisible. But when snow is being formed, these crystals are carried up and down in the atmosphere by air currents.

Let us look at our Bobcats tonight. We gathered them up and they are now being carried along the path of Cub Scouting. Would _____ and their parents please come up to receive their honors!

As the crystals move up and down, a group of them begins to collect around something. It might be around a speck of dust, or around a tiny drop of water. The group of crystals gets larger and larger. So, that soon there might be hundreds of crystals gathered around one nucleus.

Our Wolves and Bears are much like the crystals at this stage. They have gathered as groups together and around their den leaders. They have grown through their achievements and electives. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

When such a group becomes large enough, it begins to float down toward the ground and we call it a “snowflake.”

These of course are our Webelos, growing rapidly and maturing constantly. They are gaining ground towards their next step in Scouting, Boy Scouts. (Webelos presentations)

I would like all the boys who received awards tonight to please stand. I'd like to summarize if I could by saying this: Each snowflake begins as a molecule and grows to different sizes, depending upon the temperature. And colors very too. But, they all grow to descend upon us with “NO TWO EXACTLY ALIKE.”

(The awards could be attached to cut-out snowflakes.)

SANTA'S NOISY CHRISTMAS EVE

Divide the audience into 7 groups and provide each with materials for making sound effects. Give them a chance to practice. Then a narrator reads the story and holds up numbered cards at the appropriate time. Groups respond with their sound effects.

1. Beat a drum.
2. Blow shrill whistles
3. Ring bells
4. Rub sandpaper blocks together
5. Clap blocks of wood together
6. Sing through hummer or kazoo
7. Strike two heavy lids together.

It was a snowy, blowy Christmas Eve (**1, 2**). Santa was just about to finish his rounds. His reindeer landed on the last roof with a great jingle of bells (**3**). Santa jumped from his sleigh and squeezed down the chimney (**4**), landing softly on the floor (**5**). Reaching into the bottom of his almost-empty pack, Santa hummed a tune (**6**), as he decorated the tree and filled the stockings. The clock on the mantle struck two (**7, 7**), as he put the last ornament in place. Then Santa began stacking presents under the tree (**5, 5, 5, 5**).

As he finished and stood back to survey his work proudly, he noticed that an ornament was slipping from a branch (**4**). He lunged frantically for it, but he missed, and it crashed to the floor (**7**). In his hurry, Santa knocked over the wonderful presents that he had arranged carefully (**all**). Then, horrors!!! A brightly-painted jack-in-the-box boy popped out with a grin (**2**). A toy airplane started zooming around the room (**6**) up and down, just as a bowling ball bumped over some small things that had fallen (**1**). A baby doll, still smiling sweetly, tumbled to the floor, loudly calling for her “mama” (**6**).

Reaching quickly for her, Santa stumbled across a rocking horse, which started to rock frantically with its bells jingling (**3**). A large rubber ball, carefully balanced on the horse’s saddle, slid off and began bouncing merrily around the room (**1, 1**). A toy engine, beneath the blocks, began to whistle shrilly (**2**) as a block hit its switch (**5**) and it raced around and around the track.

As the wind outside got louder and louder (**2, 6**), the shutters began to bang (**1**), the windows rattled (**5**) and the rafters creaked (**4**). What a mess! Santa groaned (**6**), as he could hear the reindeer up on the roof prancing lightly (**5**) and jingling their bells (**3**).

“Oh, dear,” sighed Santa, scratching his head (**4**). “Why does everything seem to happen at once?” He scurried around the room picking up things and putting them back in their boxes. Just as the clock struck three (**7, 7, 7**), many pairs of feet began running down the stairs (**5**); so Santa hastily squeezed up the chimney (**4**), jumped into his sleigh and away he flew. Through the noise of the jingling bells (**3**), crashing storm (**1**) and whistling wind (**2**), you could hear him exclaim as he flew out of sight, “Christmas is fun, but, oh, what a night!!!” (**all**).

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE

Light: "Blink, blink, blink"
 Helping other people: "Warm, Fuzzy"
 Cub Scout: "Do Your Best"
 Pack: Yell your pack number
 Old lady: "No, I don't want to go"
 Tree: "Ahhhhhhhh"

Once upon a time, in a CUB SCOUT PACK a CUB SCOUT was learning about HELPING OTHER PEOPLE. The CUB SCOUT helped an OLD LADY across the street. But the OLD LADY did not want the CUB SCOUT to help her. The OLD LADY did not care that the CUB SCOUT had been learning about HELPING OTHER PEOPLE or that the CUB SCOUT and his PACK had set out to do good deeds. The OLD LADY just wanted to get a TREE. But the CUB SCOUT and his PACK were learning about HELPING OTHER PEOPLE and really wanted to HELP OTHER PEOPLE and so the CUB SCOUT helped the OLD LADY across the street. The OLD LADY thought what kind of a PACK is this? The OLD LADY just wanted her TREE and pretty lights. The CUB SCOUT said, "Nice OLD LADY, my CUB SCOUT PACK and I are learning about HELPING OTHER PEOPLE. I'll help you get your TREE and put your pretty lights on, if you will just let me learn about HELPING OTHER PEOPLE by getting you across this busy street." The OLD LADY sighed and smiled and said, "Thank you."

WHEW-W-W

(A Stretcher Song)

Sing the song accompanied by movements. The tune is "Jingle Bells." Write the words to the song on a large piece of paper in large easy-to-read letters. Place it where everyone in the audience can see.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet,
 Let's all stand up, please,
 Face to the left, face to the right,
 Now hands upon your knees.
 Sit down now, stand back up,
 Clap your hands two beats,
 Now we'll all wipe our brows,
 And collapse in our seats.

See <u>Cub Scout Leader How-to Book</u> for "The House Where Santa Claus Lives" (pp. 6-4 to 6-5)
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LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS

As the narrator reads story, Cub Scouts arrive with the appropriate items and stand on stage.

Narrator: Once upon time there was a den of Cub Scouts. The boys decided to go out and find Christmas and bring it back to their den.

The first Cub Scout thought he had found Christmas and came back with a Christmas tree.

The second Cub Scout also thought he had found Christmas and came back with a gift for his family.

The third Cub Scout thought he had found Christmas and came back with a stocking.

The fourth Cub Scout came back to the den singing a carol.

The fifth Cub Scout thought he, too, had found Christmas and he brought back some snow.

The sixth Cub Scout was sure he had found Christmas because he came back to the den with Santa Claus.

Now the seventh Cub Scout searched a long time but he couldn't find anything that he thought was Christmas. So he came back to the den with nothing. But his heart was full of love and goodwill, and so he truly had brought back Christmas.

Let us enjoy that Christmas spirit of love and goodwill all year round. Christmas greetings from Den ____!

THE GIFT OF GOODWILL

Cast: Den Chief and 8 Cub Scouts

Props: Gifts being wrapped, poster board, and marker.

Den Chief: Hey guys, let me see what each of you is wrapping.

1st Cub: Gloves for my dad.

2nd Cub: An owl plaque for my mom.

3rd Cub: Oreo cookies for my little brother so maybe he'll quit eating mine.

4th Cub: A doll for my sister.

5th Cub: Wind chimes for my mom.

6th Cub: Ink pens for my brother. Then maybe mine will quit disappearing.

7th Cub: A lamp for my mom.

8th Cub: A lacy handkerchief for my grandmother. She likes to wave good-bye.

Den Chief: Hey, you guys are really giving goodwill (laughs).

All Cubs: We hope so. Aren't we supposed to do that year round?

Den Chief: Yes, but let me show you something that's quite unusual. (He brings out poster board and pen.) Now, I want each of you, in order, to give me the name of the gift you are wrapping. Let's start with the first one. (As each Cub names his gift, he writes the first letter of the item on the board, such as G for gloves, etc. The result spells GOODWILL, which he holds up to the audience to see.)

1st Cub: Hey, that's all right! We're giving goodwill separately together. (Looks at the Den Chief)..Figure that one out!

SANTA'S BIG SECRET

Cast: Santa, Reporter, Elves (any number).

Costumes: Santa outfit, Scout uniforms under jackets - elves wear jackets and knit hat or hooded sweatshirts.

Props: Toy making equipment and bags, microphone.

Setting: Elves are in background working, making toys or putting toys in sacks. Santa is directing them when reporter comes out with microphone.

Reporter: This is Scoop Smith, the roving reporter for radio station KCUB on the scene here at Santa's workshop. Santa, may we have a word with you please?

Santa: Oh, sure, we're really busy getting ready for our deliveries. What can I do for you?

Reporter: All of our listeners want to know how you got into the gift business. Did your father give gifts or what?

Santa: Well, it all began when I was 7 or 8 years old... I just started doing good deeds, you know, helping people and such...and it just became a habit.

Reporter: Good deeds, huh That sounds familiar. Say, what is under that jacket?

Santa: That's my best kept secret. (Opens jacket)

Reporter: A CUB SCOUT UNIFORM!!! You're a Cub Scout?

Santa: Yes, well, no. I WAS a Cub Scout, then a Boy Scout, and then an Explorer. I wear this uniform to remind me of where it all started...way back years and years ago. I just love helping other people and doing good things.

Reporter: Well, that explains your involvement. But how do you get all these elves to help you?

Santa: Show the man. (Elves open their jackets to show Cub Scout uniforms.)

**RIDDLES**

How did Scrooge score a touch down?

The ghost of Christmas passed.

What wears armor and is very, very quiet?

A silent knight!

What does Santa have for a snack on Christmas Eve?

Peanut butter and jolly!

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In snowbanks!

What's in December that isn't in any other month?

The letter "D"!

On what side of the house do pine trees grow best?

The outside!

How many pieces of candy can you put into an empty stocking?

One! After that, it's not empty!

What does Santa have all over his workshop?

A roof!

See <u>Cub Scout Leader How-to Book</u> for "The Animals' Christmas Story (shadow puppet)" (p. 5-22)

RING THE BELL

Hang a very jingly bell from the ceiling in the center of the room. Each player is provided with a styrofoam ball or a tightly rolled-up newspaper. Have a scorekeeper for each team but all teams play at one time. Count how many times the players ring the bell by hitting it with their balls. Just one player from each den can throw at a time and then must retrieve his own ball while the next player throws. Set a time limit.

FILLING SANTA'S PACK

Prepare ahead inflated balloons in two different colors and a large decorated barrel or box. Line up boys in two teams on opposite ends of the room, facing the center. Give the teams different colored balloons, one for each player. In the center of the room, have a barrel decorated with crepe paper. Make sure that it will be too small for all the balloons. On signal, have all the boys try to tap their balloons into the barrel with one hand behind them. When the barrel is full, stop the game. The side with the most balloons in the barrel wins.

THE FLAME ON THE CANDLE

Prepare ahead a drawing of a large candle, with a flame, on poster board. Also cut out "water drops" and attach tape on the back. Give each boy a paper water drop. Blindfold each player in turn and let them "put out the fire." Closest to the flame wins.

HANUKKAH PEANUT HUNT

Use unshelled peanuts. Divide 20 of them into groups of four, marking on each with a marking pen one of these letters: H, A, N, U, K. Hide these lettered peanuts together with a good quantity of unmarked ones in the play area. On signal, the boys begin searching for the peanuts. End the game after a set time like 5 minutes. Score as follow: 10 points for the most peanuts; 5 points for each lettered peanut; and 20 for anyone who can spell Hanukkah with his peanuts.

GIFT WRAPPING

Den leaders or den chiefs stand facing their teams from a short distance away. Give the first player in each team a roll of toilet tissue. On signal, he runs to his leader and begins wrapping from the feet up. When the whistle blows, he races back and the next in line runs up to continue the wrapping job. Players must cover all gaps and repair rips and tears in the wrapping along the way. The winning team will be the one that finishes first without the leader bursting the seams of the wrap job with laughter.

SWEEPING THE SNOW

Each team has a broom and a piece of typing paper. The paper is placed flat on the floor. The first player sweeps the “snow” to the finish line, picks it up, runs back and places it on the starting line. He hands the broom to the next player, who does the same thing. The game continues until all players have swept the snow. First team to finish wins.

SNOW SHOE RELAY

Divide the den into two teams. Give each team two shoe boxes to use as snow shoes. Set a chair across the room to serve as a turning point. On signal, the first player on each team puts on his “snow shoes” and races to the chair and back to the starting point. The next player dons the shoes and repeats the action, and so on until all have run. Have extra “shoes” on hand.

TREE DECORATING

You will need a large sheet of newsprint or poster paper and a felt tip pen for each team. Tape paper at one end of the room, either on the floor or on the wall (Double newsprint so the marker ink does not seep through to the floor or wall). Divide group into an equal number of teams with at least six members on each team. On a signal # 1 runs to the paper and draws a base of the tree. He then runs back and hands the marker to #2. #2 adds the branches. #3 adds a set number of candles. #4 adds a set number of ornaments. #5 adds the star on top. #6 writes “Merry Christmas” underneath. First team to complete its tree wins the game. Also judge the result and recognize the team whose tree looks best (boys can vote on it). If there are more than 6 in a team, add more items to draw such as presents under the tree.

HUNT AND TRADE

Cut several sets of Christmas items from stiff construction paper such as star, tree, etc. (You may want to cut out these items from old Christmas cards.) Hide them around the room before the Cub Scouts arrive. After they arrive, explain that different objects have different values, but do not tell them what the values are. At a given signal, everyone should begin hunting. As soon as a player finds an object such as a star, he can start trading it for another, maybe a stocking. After about 5 minutes stop the hunting and trading. Each player show what he holds in his hands. And the scores are totaled. The one with the highest score wins. Values are: Star = 1, Tree = 2, Camel = 3, Bell = 4, Wreath = 5, Gift Package = 6, Santa = 7, Stocking = 8, Holly = 9, and Candle = 10.

SANTA’S BAG

Place six to ten objects, such as a ball, toy car, pencil, etc., in a cloth bag. Players feel the bag from outside and try to guess what the objects are.

CUB SCOUT CHRISTMAS SONG

(Tune: Chestnut Roasting)

Cub Scouts sitting
 Around the Christmas tree,
 Making wishes big and small.
 Christmas time is a beautiful time.
 When love's available for all.

And a Cub Scout knows
 That love is the greatest gift.
 It flows so freely from their hearts.
 So they say with a smile on their faces.
 That Christmas is the time for cheer.

They know that Scouting really works;
 It makes them close and friendlier each day.
 And when another is in need of help
 They'll jump to it
 And will help right away.

As our spirit grows,
 And Christmas time comes into view,
 Please learn this lesson from your Scout
 As he smiles and he says to the world:
 "Merry Christmas, to you."

CHRISTMAS TIME

(Tune: Jingle Bells)

School is out, we won't pout,
 Cubs shout Hip-Hooray!
 Something special's coming soon
 And it's Christmas Day.

Wrap the gifts, trim the tree,
 Mind your Mom and Dad,
 You'll get presents if you do,
 Boy, won't we be glad?

HANUKKAH FUN SONG

(Tune: Merrily We Roll Along)

Hanukkah is here at last,
 Here at last, here at last.
 Hanukkah is here at last,
 There's fun for everyone!

We spin the dreidel merrily,
 Merrily, merrily.
 We spin the dreidel merrily,
 Come on and join the fun!

There's fun for you and fun for me,
 Fun for you, fun for me.
 There's fun for you and fun for me,
 With toys and games and cheer!

The candles burn so cheerily,
 Cheerily, cheerily.
 The candles burn so cheerily,
 It's the best week of the year!

EIGHT BRIGHT LIGHTS

(Tune: Three Blind Mice)

Eight bright lights, Eight bright lights.
 See how they glow, See how they glow.
 They call to mind the Maccabees,
 The struggle for our liberties,
 The glory of their victories,
 Eight bright lights.

I'M A LITTLE SNOWMAN

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little snowman, short and fat,
 Here is my broomstick, here is my hat.
 When the sun comes out, I melt away,
 Down, down, down, down, whoops...
 I'm a puddle!

SANTA'S COMING ROUND THE WORLD

(Tune: Are You Sleeping)

Santa's coming, Santa's coming
Round the world, round the world;
He has many faces
Seen in many places;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,
Round the world, round the world;
In France he's Father Christmas
Who fills the children's wishes;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming,
Round the world, round the world;
In Hungary, Kris Kringle
Brings gifts to make tots tingle,
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

Santa's coming, Santa's coming
Round the world, round the world;
A Belgium child leaves carrots bunched
For Nicholas's horse to munch;
Santa Claus, Santa Claus

Santa's coming, Santa's coming
Round the world, round the world;
No matter what his face or name
Good will and peace are just the same
Santa Claus, Santa Claus.

HAPPY CUB SCOUTS

(Tune: Up on the House Top)

We are Cub Scouts and we're happy boys
At Christmas time we share our joys
We'll give some help to our Mom and Dad
And try to help make everyone glad.

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't know
Ho, ho, ho, we know it's so
Now that we're Cub Scouts we will be
Happy and loyal and trustworthy.

CHRISTMAS ALL TOGETHER

(Tune: Deck the halls)

Christmas brings Cubs all together
Fa la la la la la la la la
No matter what the wind or weather
Fa la la la la la la la la
Cub Scouts and their parents beaming
Fa la la la la la la la la
Achieving goodwill little faces gleaming
Fa la la la la la la la la
Webelos come to trim the tree
Fa la la la la la la la la
Craftsman all in spirit tonight
Fa la la la la la la la la
All are keeping fond tradition
Fa la la la la la la la la
Lighting ways to dreams and wishin'
Fa la la la la la la la la
Leader and the parents are ready
Fa la la la la la la la la
To help old Santa's sled be ready
Fa la la la la la la la la
Bringing Christmas all the faster
Fa la la la la la la la la

OLD MCDONALD HAD A TREE

Old McDonald had a tree.
Merry, merry - oh.
And on this tree he had a bell.
Merry, merry - oh.
With a ding dong here,
A ding, dong there,
Here a ding, there a dong
Everywhere a ding dong.
Old McDonald had a tree.
Merry, merry - oh.

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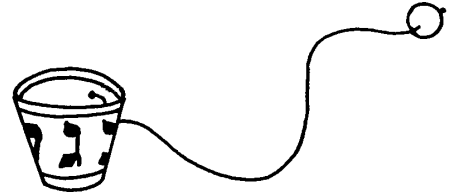
And on this tree he had a bird (tweet, tweet)
And on this tree he had an angel (Noel, noel--
break it down to "here a no, there an el")
And on this tree he had some lights (blink
blink)
And under this tree he had some presents
(goody, goody)

BALL-IN-THE-DREIDEL CUP GAME

You will need: One plain paper or plastic cup. Permanent markers, any colors. 15" yarn. Heavy-duty needle. Small styrofoam ball.

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1. Decorate the cup. Add the Hebrew letters around the cup.
2. Thread the needle with the yarn. Poke it through the styrofoam ball. Knot one end of the yarn.
3. Pull the needle through the rim of the cup. Knot the end of the yarn.
4. To play: Hold the cup in one hand and toss the ball into the cup. The player who gets the ball into the cup with the fewest tries wins. Keep practicing. Try with smaller cups or longer yarn.

**CLAY MENOROT**

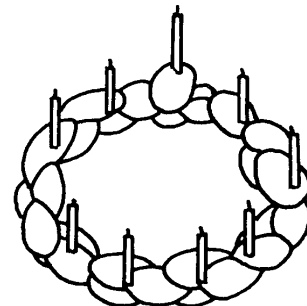
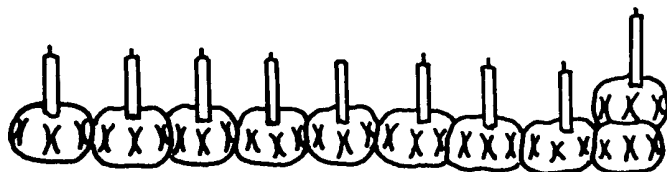
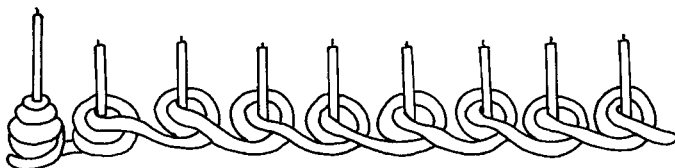
You will need: Modeling clay, any type. A base (varnished wood, metal tray, heavy-duty cardboard covered with foil).

You may add decorative marks with any pointed tool, toothpick, knife or the tines of a fork. Before any of the menorot dry, mark off nine evenly spaced holes. Insert a candle and wiggle slightly to enlarge each hole. Set the clay on a base.

COIL METHOD: Coil clay around each candle, one at a time. To raise the shamash, make one coil slightly higher. Pinch the ends of the coils together to make one long row.

PINCH-POT METHOD: Roll ten balls of clay. For a decorative effect, lightly pinch each ball between your thumb and forefinger. Place nine balls in a row. To raise the shamash, press the tenth ball on top of one of the others. Flatten the bottom of the balls so they stand securely on the base.

BRAIDED METHOD: Divide a lump of clay into three chunks. Roll each chunk into a rope and braid the ropes together. You may use a different color of clay for each coil. Flatten the bottom so it stands securely. Build up the clay that will hold the shamash candle.

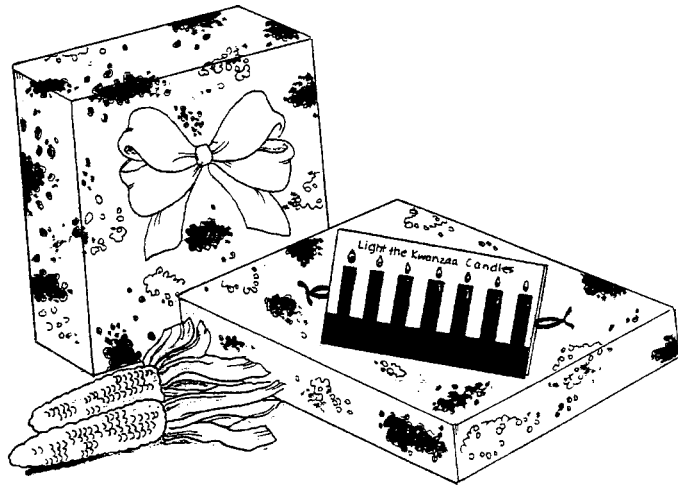


KWANZAA CORN PRINT WRAPPING PAPER

Zawadi means gifts. The last day of Kwanzaa is a time for sharing gifts.

You will need: Newspaper. Butcher paper.
Yellow and orange poster paint. 2 trays. 2 ears of corn.

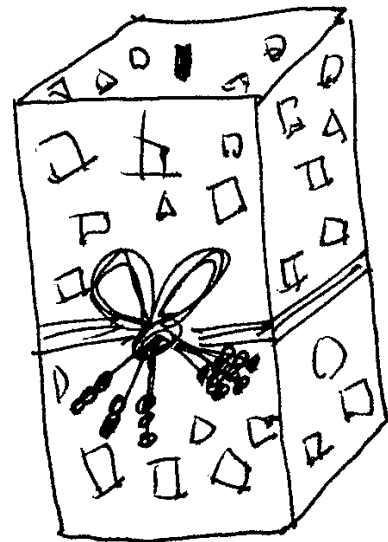
Cover your work area with the newspaper. Pour some of the yellow paint into one of the trays, and some orange paint into the other. Roll one of the ears of corn in the yellow paint, and then roll it across the butcher paper in different directions. Repeat with the orange paint. Let the paint and paper dry flat.



CHUNKY FUNKY CANDLES

Materials: Candle wax
Candle dyes and fragrances
Double boiler
Various disposable containers with waxy lining (example: milk cartons, ice cream, juice containers, etc.)
Large plastic bags (for each color)
Candle or candy thermometer
Baking soda
Baking sheet with lip
Hammer
Taper candles (for making tall candles)
Votive candles (for short candles)
Assorted beads (optional)
Color paper raffia (optional)

Melt wax over medium heat in double boiler, until completely liquefied. NOTE: Be careful that wax does not overheat or boil. Use thermometer to check temperature. Heat to approximately 200 degrees. Always have a box of baking soda handy in case wax catches on fire. If desired, add scent and color, following manufacturer's instructions. Fill container with wax. Continue in several containers until you have several colors hardening. Let harden. Peel containers away from hardened wax. Place in plastic bags. Break up into chunks with a hammer (or you can skip up to here by buying candle chunks. But boys like playing with wax.) Melt additional candle wax over low heat until liquefied. Place taper or votive candle in center of empty container, dropping chunks of colored wax around taper to hold in place. Continue to top of container. Place container on baking sheet. Pour melted wax over chunks to wick of candle. Let harden. Peel container away from candle. Thread beads onto raffia ends at different intervals. Tie ends to secure. Wrap raffia around candle. Tie into a bow. Trim raffia.

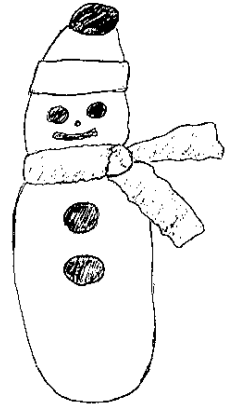


SOCK SNOWMAN

Make a snowman family. Or make a few for gifts.

You will need: 1 white sock (best if with colored stripes around the top, though all-white ones are fine. You may want to use new socks. The larger the sock, the larger the snowman will be.). Rubber band. Yarn, ribbon or fabric scraps. Felt scraps or buttons. 1 colorful pompom. Batting or cotton balls..

1. Stuff a sock with batting or cotton balls. Leave about 4 inches at the top and close the opening with a rubber band.
2. Fold over the top of the sock for the hat; fold back a little for a brim. The heel of the sock is the face. If desired, tack the hat with small amount of glue or needle and thread.
3. Make a scarf by tying a scrap of fabric underneath the heel, separating the head from the body.
4. Make facial features and buttons from felt or use buttons or any other material desired. Glue features and buttons. Glue a pompom at the top of the hat.



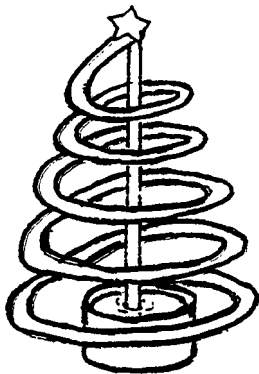
CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

You will need: 3/4 cup applesauce. 1 bottle (4.12 oz) ground cinnamon.

Mix applesauce with cinnamon to form a stiff dough. Roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters. Make hole in top of ornament with skewer or straw. Carefully lay ornaments on rack to dry. Let set 1-2 days or until thoroughly dry, turning occasionally. Hang with decorative thread or ribbon. May be decorated with decorator paste. Makes 12-15 ornaments.



REVOLVING TREE



For the base, you need a block of wood, a spray can cap, a wooden dowel and plaster of Paris. Fill the spray can cap with plaster of Paris. Before it is completely set, push dowel into the center of the cap. Make sure it is straight. Let plaster set. For the tree, draw a large spiral shape on a piece of green poster board or stiff paper, as shown. Cut out. Glue sequins or glitter to spiral.

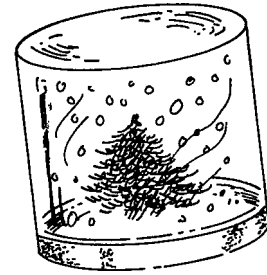
To attach, push a pin through the center of the spiral and attach to the top of the dowel. Shape the spiral by wrapping it loosely around the dowel. Cut a small star from paper. Glue to tip of pin.



SNOW-STORM JAR

Capture winter in a jar. This easy-to-make snow-storm jar is a gift anyone will appreciate.

You will need: Small glass jar with lid, such as a baby-food jar. Baby oil or corn syrup. Water. Glitter, star sparkles, or metallic confetti. Glue. Tiny Christmas figurine, fake tree, small packages made from clay.



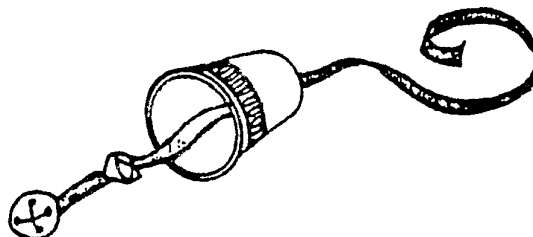
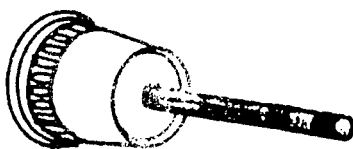
1. Fill the jar with baby oil or corn syrup, and a little water.
2. Add glitter, star sparkles, metallic confetti, or other decorations to act as snow.
3. Glue the tiny Christmas figurine to the inside of the lid with glue, and then put glue around the lid and seat it shut.
4. When dry, turn the jar upside down and give it a shake. Then watch the "snow" fall on the tiny figurine.

SHINY BELLS

These easy-to-make bells are pretty enough to dangle in a doorway, hang on a tree, or attach to a gift package.

You will need: Paper cups (or disposable plastic cups). Aluminum foil or gift-wrapping foil. Ribbon or crepe paper. Scissors. Jingle bells.

1. Turn cup upside down. Carefully punch a hole (about as big around as a pencil) in the bottom.
2. Cut a ribbon or crepe paper strip about 12" long and 1/2" to 1" wide. Push one end of ribbon down through hole in cup.
3. Turn cup over and pull ribbon through cup. Make a large knot (bigger than the hole) about 2" from end of ribbon.
4. Now tie a jingle bell to the very end of ribbon.
5. Turn cup upside down again and pull ribbon up toward you. Knot will keep ribbon from slipping through hole.
6. Cut a piece of foil about 7" x 11". (This size foil will cover a large paper or plastic cup. If you're using a smaller cup, use smaller foil piece.)
7. Wrap foil tightly around top and sides of bell. Fold extra foil under rim and press firmly to inside of bell.

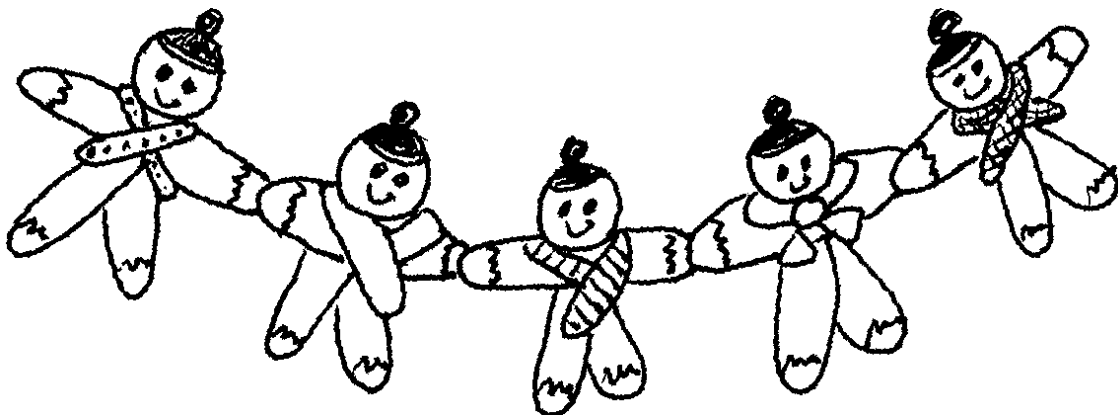
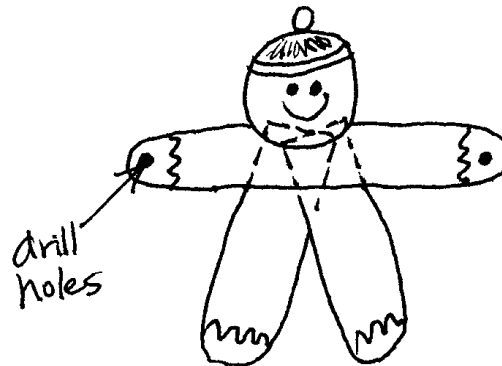


GINGERBREAD BOY ORNAMENT

Make one for an ornament or make many for a garland.

You will need: 3 jumbo craft sticks. 1 1/2" cardboard circle or wood piece. Paint (brown and desired color for hat). Fine-tipped markers. 1 small pompom. Fabric scraps. Pipe cleaner.

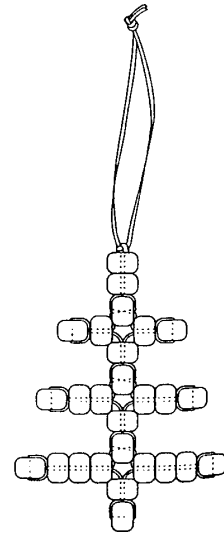
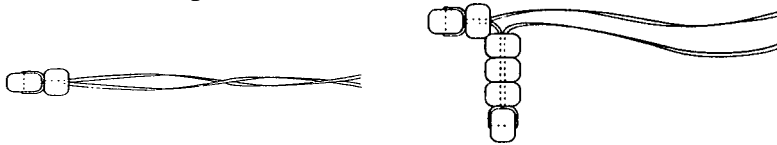
1. Using the drawing as a guide below (please note this is not to scale), cut two craft sticks for legs. To cut the craft sticks, cut with scissors 1/2 inch beyond the intended line. Then cut off small pieces of the craft stick until you reach the cutting line, preventing the wood from splitting. Depending on the age of the boys, you may want to do this ahead of time with a coping saw.
2. If making a garland, drill holes in the arm pieces now.
3. Glue legs, arm and head.
4. Paint the entire ginger bread figure brown, except the hat part. Paint hat as desired.
5. When paint is dry, glue a piece of pipe cleaner where the hat and face meet. Tuck the extra around the back. This is the brim. Glue a pompom on the hat.
6. Draw facial features with fine-tipped markers. Draw lines for hands and feet, if desired.
7. Make a scarf from fabric scrap.
8. Glue loop of ribbon on the back for hanging. Or tie arms together for a garland.



PONY BEAD TREE

You will need: 1 1/2 yards plastic lace (for necklace; shorter for ornament or key chain). 27 pony beads.

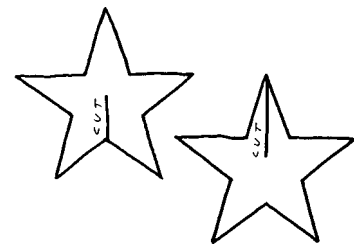
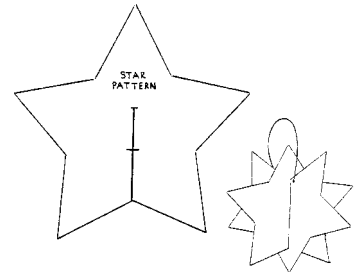
1. Fold lace in half. Put one end of the lace through a bead and slide the bead to the center of the lace. This is the base of the tree.
2. Put both ends of lace through one bead and pull down snug against first bead.
3. String beads as shown. Tie the the laces in a square knot as close against the last bead as possible. Also tie the ends of the laces in an overhand knot.

**INTERLOCKING STARS**

Here are two simple interlocking stars.

You will need: Poster board (colored on both sides) or painted plain cardboard. Scissors. Strong thread. Needle.

I.
Cut two identical shapes. On one, cut a shorter slit as indicated. On the other, cut a longer slit as indicated. Slip one star over the other slits. To hang the star, use needle to punch a hole on both sides of slit at top of one star.



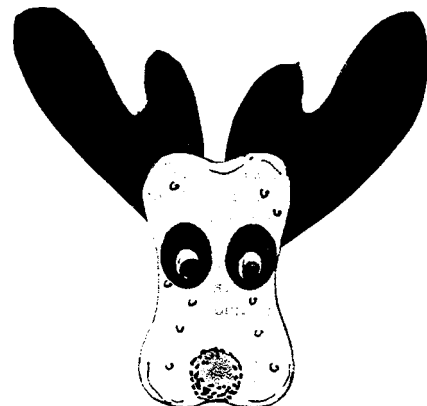
II.
Now try slits in different place as shown.

DOG BISCUIT RUDOLPH NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

You will need: One dog biscuit. Clear sealer. Brown paper. Red pompom. Wiggle eyes. Aluminum foil. Scissors. Glue. A section of 1/2" PVC pipe or neck piece from a plastic bottle.

Place biscuit on foil to prevent sticking. Spray with several coats of clear sealer. Do this ahead of time and let dry between coats.

Cut antlers from brown paper, glue to back of biscuit. Glue wiggle eyes to brown felt circles, glue to face. Glue on pompom nose. Glue PVC piece or plastic bottle neck piece to



KARAMU FEAST TABBOULEH

A high point of Kwanzaa is the Karamu or feast. Karamu foods, like this recipe, incorporate the Kwanzaa colors of black, red, and green.

2 cups boiling water	1/4 cup lemon juice
1 cup bulgur wheat	1/4 cup green onion, chopped
1 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped	2 Tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup mint, finely chopped	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound tofu, finely chopped	1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 tomatoes, finely chopped	Leaf lettuce
1/2 cup black olives	

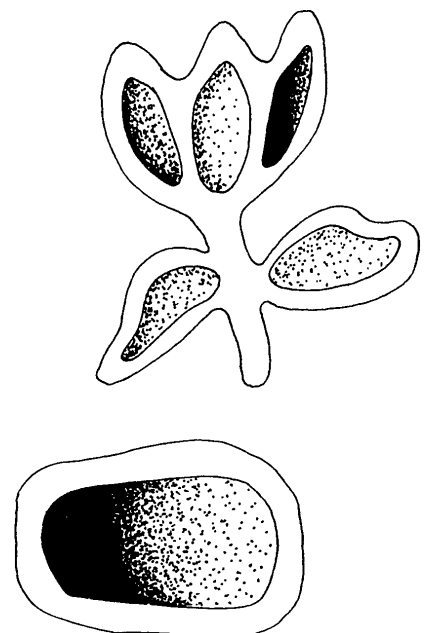
1. Pour boiling water over the bulgur wheat and soak for 1 hour.
2. Pour off water and drain well.
3. In the medium bowl combine the bulgur wheat with the remaining ingredients. Serve with leaf lettuce.

STAINED GLASS COOKIES

1 3/4 cups whole wheat flour	1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice	1 egg
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 cup dairy sour cream
1/4 teaspoon salt	3 ounces yellow or red clear hard candy, crushed
1/2 cup margarine or butter	

1. Combine flours, spice, baking soda, and salt.
2. In bowl, beat margarine or butter on medium until softened.
3. Add sugar and beat until fluffy.
4. Add vanilla and egg and beat.
5. Add flour mixture and sour cream alternately, beating well.
6. Halve dough, cover, and chill 2 hours.
7. On floured board, roll half of the dough 1/8" thick
8. Cut out any shapes up to 6-8". Cut out holes and fill with crushed hard candy. (Be careful not to make dough areas too narrow.) Place on foil covered baking sheet.
9. Bake 6 to 8 minutes at 350 degrees until edges are brown.
10. Cool on sheet 10 minutes.
11. Peel off foil. Cool.

Makes about 10 large cookie sculptures.



CHEESE COINS

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
 1 cup flour

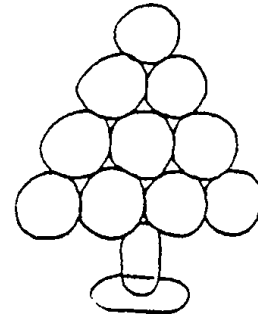
1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Mix well to form dough. Divide dough in half, and roll each half into a log. Wrap in waxed paper and chill or freeze for several hours or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
3. Unwrap cheese logs, and slice into 1/4" coins. Place on ungreased cookie sheet an inch apart.
4. Bake for 10 minutes.

Makes 3-4 dozen.

CHRISTMAS TREE

1 package refrigerator biscuits	3 Tablespoons water
2 cups confectioners sugar	Chopped gumdrops
1/4 teaspoon salt	Maraschino cherries
1 teaspoon vanilla	

1. Heat oven to 450 degrees. On a cookie sheet, press 10 biscuits together to form a Christmas tree. Flatten 2 biscuits to form the trunk. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.
2. Mix together confectioners sugar, salt, vanilla and water.
3. This is the icing. Spread icing on the tree with the spatula. Decorate your tree with cherries and gumdrops

**HOT COCOA**

1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa
 2 teaspoons sugar
 1 cup milk
 Marshmallow or whipped cream

Put cocoa and sugar into a cup with a spoonful of milk. Stir to make a paste. Pour the rest of the milk into a sauce pan. Heat on low until a few tiny bubbles form around the edge of the pan. (Milk may be heated in microwave oven for 20 seconds at a time being careful not to boil the milk.) Pour the milk into the cup with the paste and stir. Top with a marshmallow or whipped cream.