

Cereal Box Snowman

What you'll need:

Empty cereal box
Zipper sandwich bag
Rice, dry beans, pebbles, pennies, etc (for weight)
Tape
Acrylic gesso (recommended: Liquitex Basics Gesso)
White, black & yellow acrylic paint
2 foam cups (coffee size)
Construction paper: yellow, orange, light blue
Pink crayon or colored pencil
Black marker
Glue stick
White craft glue
Scissors



How to make it:

- Fill sandwich bag with rice, pennies, dry beans, or anything else you like that will give your box some weight. Seal the baggie and place it inside the box. Tape the top of the box closed.
- Paint the entire box with gesso and let dry. Paint entire box with white paint and let dry. (See image.)
- While box is drying, cut slits in the side of each of the foam cups. Cut the slits to about an inch and a half from the bottom of the cup. (See image.) Bend each flap to snap off the sides of the cup. (See image.) Use scissors to trim the rest of the cup evenly.
- Paint the bottom and sides of the cups (ear muffs) with yellow paint and let dry. (See image.)
- Cut a one inch wide strip of construction paper, the full length of the sheet (about 11"). Center the strip across the top of the cereal box and glue in place. There should be a couple of inches that hang over each side. Glue those down on the sides of the box. This will be your ear muff headband. (See image.)
- Cut a triangle from orange construction paper for the "carrot nose." Glue the nose to the front of the box.
- Cut three 1-inch wide strips of light blue construction paper. Glue all three together, end to end. (See image.)
- You should now have one long strip. Use scissors to fringe both ends, this will be your scarf. (See image.) Glue the scarf around the bottom of the cereal box so that both ends are to the right.
- Dip your finger in black paint and dot on an eye. Move your finger in a circular motion to make the black circle larger. Repeat for other eye and the dotted mouth.
- Use a black marker to add eyebrows and a pink crayon to add cheeks. (See image.)
- Use white craft glue to attach the yellow cups to the sides of the cereal box, lining up with the ends of the yellow construction paper strip.

Sparkly Snowflake Mobile

What you'll need:

white paper
scissors
2 large craft sticks
white acrylic paint
glitter (silver, white, pink or blue)
white string
silver ribbon
white craft glue
paint brush
thumbtack

How to make it:

- Cut paper snowflakes out of white paper. To do this, fold paper in half, then fold in half again. Take the bottom right corner of the rectangle and fold it up and over the left side to make a triangle. Use scissors to remove the excess strip of paper at the bottom. This gives you a perfect square. Now cut small strips and triangles from all edges of the paper, leaving enough room in the center so that it does not fall apart. Unfold your snowflake.
- To flatten out the creases from the folds, press snowflakes in a heavy book as you cut the next one, continue until you have cut-out four snowflakes.
- Mix white craft glue with some water, about half and half.
- Use paint brush to paint glue mixture onto the paper snowflake.
- Sprinkle heavily with glitter. Let dry completely.
- Tap off excess and repeat on other side.
- While snowflakes are drying, paint one side of the craft sticks white. Before paint has a chance to dry, sprinkle with glitter. Let dry, then repeat on other side.
- Cut white string into 4 different lengths and glue one to the back of each snowflake.
- Glue craft sticks together in the shape of an "X" and let dry.
- Tie ribbon around center of the "X", leaving enough ribbon at the top to hang mobile.
- Tie the snowflakes onto the mobile, one string on each end of the craft sticks. Put a dot of glue on the string to secure it in place. You can wrap the string around the craft stick one or more times if the lengths are not to your liking.
- Press a thumbtack into the ribbon and push into the ceiling or door jam to hang.

