



**Having to stay indoors most of the winter can create problems for family. Here are some activities to lighten up the holiday season.**

### **Crystal Balls**

**What you need:** Bubble solution (or one part Joy or Dawn dishwashing liquid to 10 parts water), glycerin and sugar. Bubble blowers, wire shaped into a circle, or try a straw with 4 1cm slits at the end.

**What to do:** On a cold day with light wind, form a bubble, but do not let it escape. As the bubble freezes, watch the formation of ice crystals. If you leave it long enough, it will form a crystal ball.

### **Take a Good, Close Look at Snowflakes**

**What you need:** Black paper or fabric (place in freezer), Magnifying glass

**What to do:** Take the black paper or fabric out of the freezer and outside when it's snowing. Let some snowflakes land on the paper and quickly use the magnifying glass to see the beautiful shapes.

### **Snow Globe**

**What you need:** An empty jar with lid, Epoxy glue or silicone seal (hot glue may also work, I haven't tried it), Small plastic animals, trees, scenery items, etc., Glitter, Water and glycerin

**What to do:** Glue animals, trees, scenery items, etc. with epoxy or silicone seal to the lid of the jar in a pleasing arrangement. Let dry completely, probably overnight. Fill the jar (not quite full) with water and a little glycerin (will work without glycerin - glycerin makes the snow fall a little slower) and add a tablespoon or so of glitter. Gently try to put the lid on, first adjusting the amount of water in the jar - keep as full as possible. The lid must then be glued on with epoxy glue or silicone seal. Leave to cure several hours, then shake and enjoy!

### **Snow Slush Dessert**

**What you need:** Fresh, clean snow, Frozen juice concentrate (thawed, but cold), Cold glasses or bowls

**What to do:** Scoop the snow into a glass or a bowl, drizzle a few spoonfuls of concentrate on the snow and enjoy.

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