

DESTINATION WITHOUT LIMITS



DECORATIONS OF SNOW

Crafts and economic projects to make your church look "frozen". Use for fun or for the VBS.



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Transform your church into a beautiful snow scene.

GO FOR IT!

Even if you are in a tropical climate and there is no snow, use your imagination. Children will love a different atmosphere. What fun!

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NOODLE FLAKES

Glue some round soup noodles together to make a flower shape. Add more soup wheels to make larger flakes. When dry, smear glue and spread glitter on the flakes.



- Round soup noodles
- White glitter
- Glue



LARGE BALLOON DECORATIONS

Inflate balloons of two different sizes, little and big. For each part of the snowflake, we need 2 large balloons and 4 small balloons. Start by joining the two big balloons, then join the small balloons, and put them in the middle of the 2 big ones. Tie twelve sets

- White balloons in two sizes, small and large
- String
- Heavy adhesive tape



in the same way. With adhesive tape, join six sets together to make a V. One those are together, take the last 3 sets and add them to your balloon snowflake in any way they will fit. Do not put them too close together, but keep them separate and open to make a nice-looking snowflake. Do the same for the opposite side. Carefully insert a string and tie around a balloon to hang your large balloon snowflake from the roof of your church.



COTTONBALL CURTAIN

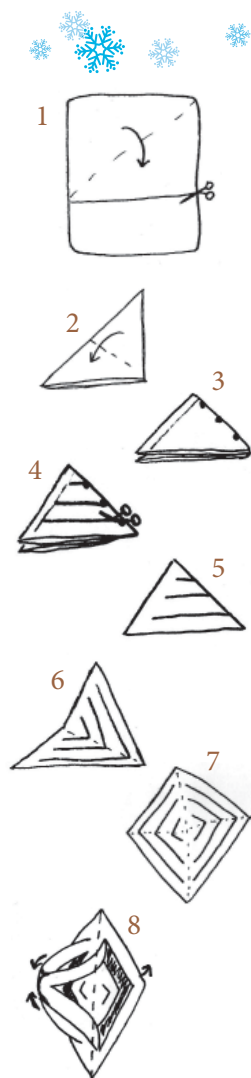
Cut a piece of string the same width as the window or door where you want to hang the curtain. Now cut pieces of string the height or length where you want to hang it. Thread the string into the balls of cotton and knot it so that the balls stay in place. You can also glue the cotton to the string with glue. Vary the number of cotton balls per string, the size of the balls and the spaces between the balls so that you have a real snow effect.



- String
- Cottonballs
- Glue
- Scissors

PAPER SNOWFLAKES

1. Fold a sheet of paper to make a triangle and remove the remaining piece.
2. Fold the triangle again in half.
3. With a ruler and a pencil, make three points of equal distance, on the side that has a single fold. On the side that has 2 folds, draw a line 1 cm from the edge. This is the cut stop line, or where we will stop cutting.
4. Next, draw 3 lines, from the points to the line of the stop, in the same direction as the side of the triangle without a fold. Cut the 3 lines, but don't cut beyond the stop line.
5. Once everything is cut off, erase any line that remains.
- 6-7. Open the sheet. You see 3 triangles on each side of the sheet.
8. Glue together each triangle with the opposite triangle of the same size. Go one direction with a couple of triangles, and the other direction with the next pair, so you give a diamond shape, with an alternation of paper and holes.
9. Now do the same thing 5 more times to have 6 diamonds, glue the diamonds together in a flat shape to make the snowflake. Optional: attach a wire to hang it.



- White and blue paper
- Glue
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler

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PLATE SNOWMAN DECORATION

Glue together 3 plates one under another. To make the headband to cover the ears, attach a pipe cleaner to the top plate. When this stuck, stick the pompoms on the ends of the pipe cleaner, one on each side. For eyes, make two circles of black paper and glue to the top plate. Create the mouth with 8-9 smaller black circles. To make the nose, draw the shape of a carrot from orange paper, cut it out, and glue on the snowman. Glue buttons

- 3 Disposable plates
- 1 Small piece fabric
- 3 Pipe cleaners
- Colored paper in black, orange and red
- 2 large pom poms
- 6 small pom poms
- 2 large buttons
- Glue



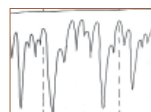
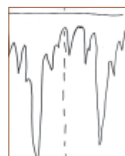
on the middle plate. With the piece of cloth, make a then scarf that crosses at the neck, and glue into place. Add small decorations to the ends of the scarf. To make the arms, glue 2 pipe cleaners on the side of the middle plate. Bend the ends of the pipe cleaners to make fingers. For the boots, cut red paper and glue to the lower plate.



PAPER ICICLES



Draw the pattern like the in the picture. Make various ones of different sizes for a change. Cut and fold and glue them on the ceiling.



- Large sheets white paper
- Glue
- Scissors

LID HANGING ORNAMENT

Wash and dry a metal lid on a can. With a permanent marker draw a flake on the top. The idea is to create holes across the lid, that will show light through. Use a hammer and a nail to punch the holes, or an awl. Continue punching the whole on all the points of the snowflake. To finish, put a cord or ribbon in one of the holes to hang the flake.



- Metal lid
- Ribbon
- Hammer
- Nail or awl

STAGE SNOW SCENE

Remove the upper flaps from your cardboard box. Cut down one edge of the box to open it up, as seen in the picture below. Don't cut the lower flaps off the box, as they will be used to hold up your snow bank. Set your box on the floor with the lower flaps towards the inside. Paint the cardboard white, or cover with white paper. Use quilting batting or white stuffing to look like snow. Cut the batting to the length of the box, but cut it taller than the box so that it piles up like snow. Make one large box for each side of your church stage to make it look like it has snowed in your church!



- Large cardboard box
- White paint or paper
- Batting (fluffy fabric)



WOOD SNOWFLAKE

Make three triangles with wooden sticks and glue them together. With three other sticks, join the triangles to form a hexagon. Then glue a stick in each of the 6 points outwards. Next glue sticks in the middle of these, vertically. Finish your wooden snowflake with a few more 'V' sticks in each point of the snowflake.



- Glue
- Wooden sticks

SNOWMAN DECORATION

To make the face of the snowman, start with a Styrofoam or paper plate. For the eyes, cut circles of black paper and stick them on a plate to make the face. To make perfect circles, copy a screw cap from a water bottle. Make 4 more circles for the mouth. For the nose, cut triangles of orange paper. Now that you have your snowmen made, punch two holes in each plate at the top. Insert "curli" ribbon or yarn through the holes. Leave some yarn on both sides to tie the pendant to posts in your church.



- Disposable plates
- Black and orange paper
- Ribbon, yarn or string
- Scissors
- Glue



SPIRAL DECORATIONS



Cut the base of the large coke bottle. (You can save it to make another item from this book). Spread glue and glitter around the outside of the whole bottle. It's best to do it in vertical parts. When fully dry, spirally cut from bottom to top. You now have a fun decoration for your church!

- Large plastic coke bottle (empty)
- Glitter
- Glue
- Scissors

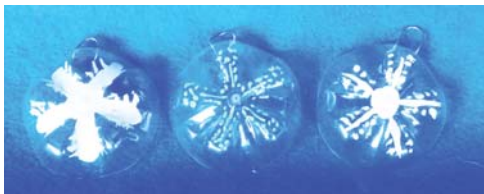


RECYCLED ORNAMENTS



Cut the bottom of a plastic bottle. Cut it carefully to not have any rough edges. With a piece of wire, make a small "U" shape, inserting both sides of the wire into the bottle. Fold the sides of the wire into the inside, to use as the hanger. Next, paint center lines out on all the reliefs of the bottle. To finish the design, paint adding horizontal lines or paint spots.

- Plastic water bottle
- Blue or white paint
- Wire
- Scissors
- Paintbrush



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