

Edible Art

Create a gingerbread biscuit artwork.

Did you know that lots of artists use food to make their artwork? Kara Walker made a huge sculpture out of sugar and Vik Muniz made portraits out of baked beans!

Use your artistic imagination to create an artwork with gingerbread biscuits and icing! These biscuits make great personal gifts too. Who might you make them for?

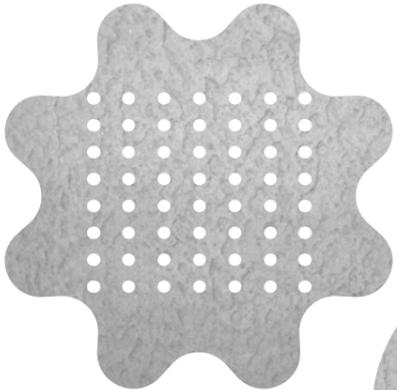
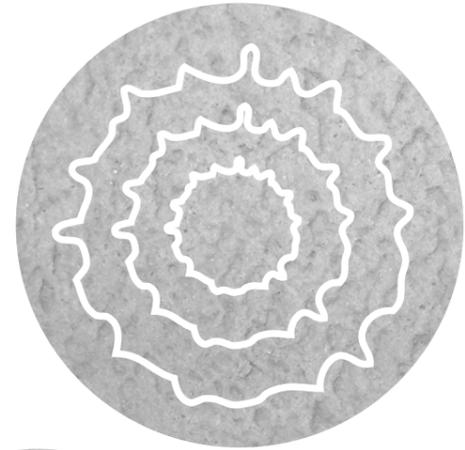
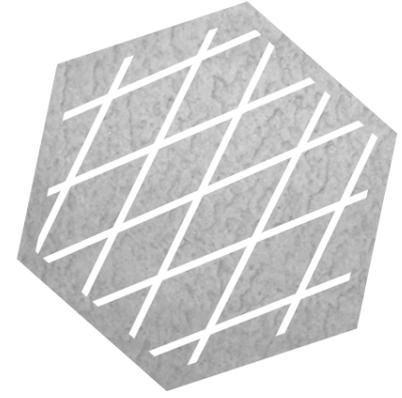
What you will need

- Gingerbread Biscuit
- Icing

You can play with icing to make marks just like you can with paint. Why not practice making marks and invent patterns and designs on paper before you ice your biscuits?

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Twig Snowflakes

Make winter snowflake decorations for your home or as a gift for someone special.

For this activity you need to go foraging for natural materials. Take your favourite plastic bag and collect small thin sticks and twigs. You need 3 twigs per snowflake that are about the same thickness, so try to find at least 15.

What you will need

- Twigs (find them on a wintery walk)
- PVA Glue
- White or Blue Tissue Paper
- White Paint
- Paint Brush
- String
- Scissors

Take 3 twigs about the same length and thickness, you might need to break or cut them to make them the same length.

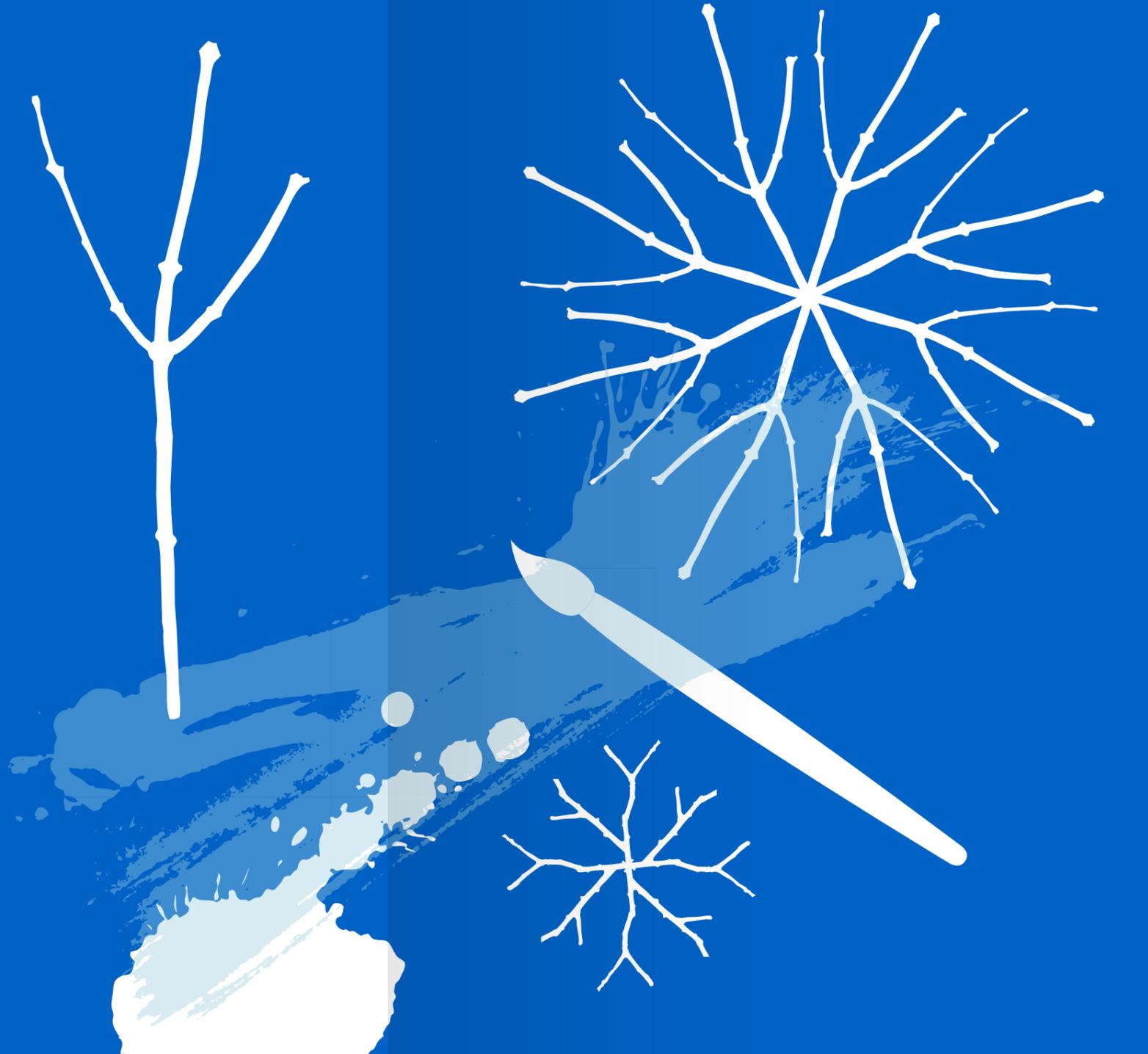
Glue them together into a snowflake shape, tie them with string, or paint PVA onto a few strips of tissue paper and wrap it around the twigs to hold them together.

Next, paint the twig snowflakes and let them dry. You could use a hairdryer to speed up the process.

Then, tear small pieces of tissue paper and scrunch them into tiny balls. Glue them onto the snowflakes. It's up to you how many to add and in what pattern.

Set aside to dry. Once dry, tie a piece of string onto one end of the snowflake so it can be hung up.

Try decorating your twig snowflakes in other ways like adding glitter, sequins or using recycled materials like bits of tin foil or shiny packaging instead of the tissue paper.



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Caring for ourselves, each other and our world is really important. Get creative at home with these winter themed activities by artist Isabella Carreras. Spend a bit of time thinking about how you can show you care even more about the spaces, places and people that surround you. These activities use recycled or foraged materials and help us explore more about the environment, particularly climate change.

Hopefully these ideas will inspire you to do other art activities too. What else can you make? Think about all the things that you would normally throw away; switch on your imagination and turn them into something amazing.

Think about giving something you make to someone as a gift. Or, why don't you share the instructions for these ideas with your friends so they can be creative too?

Ask an adult where you can work on your ideas and what to wear when you do, especially when working with messy materials like paint and glue.

Polar Bear Sculpture

Art can make people think about important issues. Making this sculpture of a polar bear can help you tell people about climate change.

Did you know that under all that fur polar bear skin is actually black? It looks white because it reflects light so they can blend into their surroundings. Polar bears can swim for days at a time and spend over 50% of their time hunting for food. What will your polar bear be doing?

What you will need

- Modelling Clay
- Black Felt Pen
- Fork or toothpick

Start with a large handful of clay and break or cut it in half.

With one piece you will make the legs. Divide it into 4 pieces roughly the same size and start shaping them into sturdy strong legs and paws.

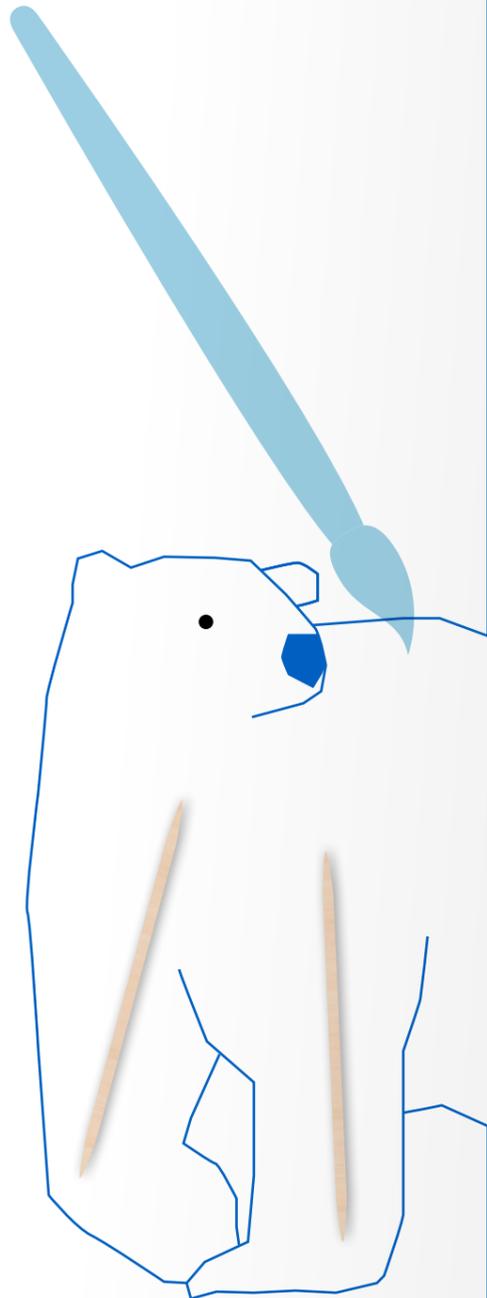
Then take the other piece and make a pear shape for the body (the larger end at the rear!). When you are happy with the shape you can place the body onto the 4 legs.

Use something like a toothpick or a fork to scratch lines onto the places you are going to stick to each other and add a few drops of water before pushing them together gently but firmly.

Next, you will need to make a slightly pointy nose and pinch out some ears.

At the end, you could use a toothpick or fork to add details like paws, claws and fur by scratching lots of little lines all over the polar bear.

Leave your sculpture to dry for 1 or 2 days and then use a black felt pen to add eyes, nose, mouth and claws!



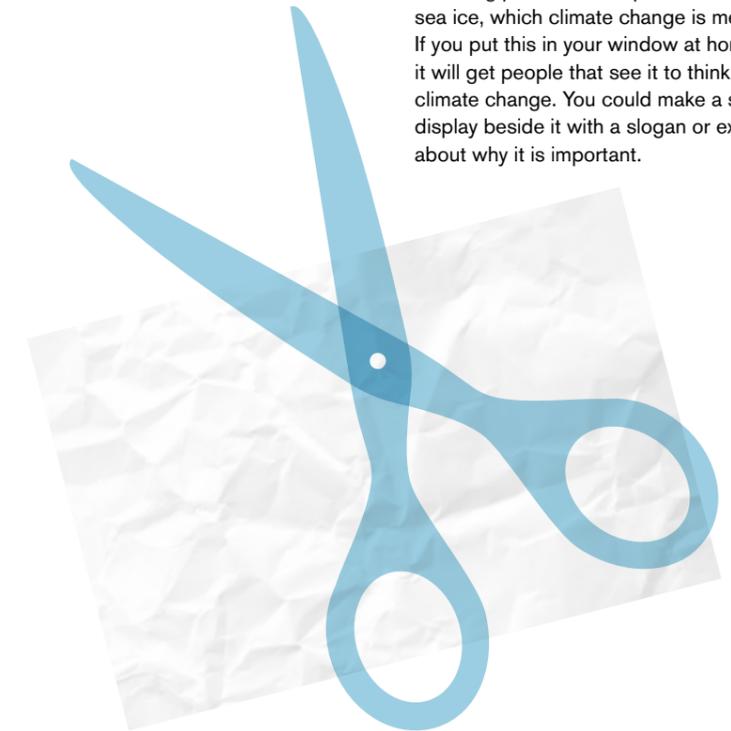
Arctic Installation

Create an icy installation for your polar bear sculpture.

An installation is a type of art that is 3D and is like creating an environment; you are going to make a mini Arctic environment! The Arctic is full of huge ice glaciers, mountains, snow and deep ocean. Because of the Earth's tilt, for at least one day a year there's an entire day of darkness in this freezing region and also a full day of sunshine. Imagine that!

What you will need

- Cardboard Box (recycle one - it can be as big or small as you want your installation to be)
- Tissue Paper
- Paint
- PVA Glue
- Recycled Materials



Start by cutting or tearing off the flaps at the top of the box, you can use these later to form ice glaciers and mountain shapes.

Then you can cut or tear down one side of the box so it can open up but still stand up. You can use this as a backdrop or tear up the box completely and start building on one flat piece.

Think about the shapes you might see in the Arctic, such as mountains, and tear up the cardboard box to create these shapes.

Try tearing tissue paper to create sharp outlines like rock and ice and layer them up to create the effect of layers of ice and snow. Perhaps you have some recycled materials at home you could use such as white, blue or silvery packaging or tin foil.

When you have finished and it is dry, welcome your polar bear to its new home to complete the installation! Many animals including polar bears depend on the arctic sea ice, which climate change is melting. If you put this in your window at home, maybe it will get people that see it to think about climate change. You could make a sign to display beside it with a slogan or explanation about why it is important.