

❄️ Winter Project Ideas ❄️

1. Paper Snowflake Collage or Window Lanterns

(find images and instructions here: <https://designertrapped.com/light-up-paper-snowflake-lanterns/>)

- **Materials:** paper (white & colored), vellum or translucent paper, scissors, glue, string, jars (for lanterns)
- **How to do it:** Cut snowflakes; layer them on translucent paper or vellum to create collage panels or lantern wraps. Wrap jars and place LED tealights inside for soft glow shadows.

2. Salt Painting / Crayon-Resist Snow Scenes

(find images and instructions here: <https://craftyartideas.com/easy-snowflake-salt-watercolor/>)

- **Materials:** white crayon, watercolor paints, salt
- **How to do it:** On white paper, draw snow scenes with white crayon (e.g. trees, hills). Paint over with watercolor; the crayon resists. While paint is wet, sprinkle salt to create frosty texture.

3. DIY Snow Globe / Mini Winter Worlds

(find images and instructions here:

<https://www.artsyfartsymama.com/2020/11/easy-mini-snow-globes.html> - or -
<https://tidymom.net/waterless-snow-globes-tutorial/>)

- **Materials:** jars, water, glycerin (optional), glitter, small figurines or natural bits, glue
- **How to do it:** Mount small figurines or bits to the underside of the jar lid (glue). Fill jar with water, a bit of glycerin (to slow glitter fall), sprinkle glitter, seal well.
- Variation: create a felt or foam diorama inside a box or shallow tray with cotton “snow,” sticks, miniature houses, etc.

4. Felt or Fabric Memory Ornaments

(find images and instructions here:

<https://thewildcherryfarm.com/how-to-make-easy-felt-ornaments-using-cookie-cutters/>)

- **Materials:** felt or fabric scraps, embroidery floss or glue, beads, buttons
- **How to do it:** Cut shapes (trees, stars, mittens, hearts). Decorate with beads, stitch or glue. Each ornament can include a memory, note, or tiny drawing inside. Over time, build a “memory tree” of the year.

5. Shadow Puppet Winter Theater

(find images and instructions here:

<https://www.primarysinging.com/shadow-puppet-theater/?srsltid=AfmBOoppbEk7ZME88j1S5qo4h0u9kshV9UthvgvF2sUBXsljzksxriMW>)

- **Materials:** black paper or cardstock, sticks or skewers, scissors, tape, a light source, blank backdrop
- **How to do it:** Cut winter-themed puppet shapes (tree, deer, snowman, characters). Mount on sticks. Use a flashlight or lamp to cast shadows on a wall or sheet. Children and mom can improvise short stories or retell favorite winter tales.