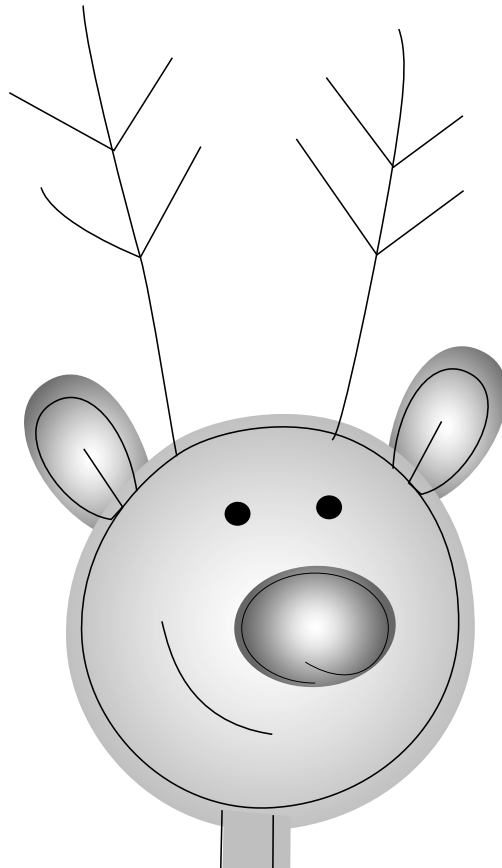


**The Book of
Classic
Christmas
Activities**



Introduction

All children love Christmas, especially the thrill of playing Christmas games, making and giving Christmas presents, and the discovery of a variety of Christmas activities.

Teachers need never scratch their heads in frustration again when they need help in appeasing their students' Christmas excitement — *The Book of Classic Christmas Activities* now provides them with a delightful collection of timeless Christmas activities, all with an educational aspect and suitable for primary school children of all ages.

With all manner of festive activities to keep the kids occupied during those exciting weeks before Christmas, teachers will be able to help them make gifts, Christmas cards, ornaments, Santas, stars, finger puppets, poems and more, even Christmas cooking!

Also included are some activities centered around Hanukkah — giving children the opportunity to learn how children of other religions or cultures celebrate their holy and festive days, emphasising the concepts of religious freedom and tolerance.

We hope all teachers and students enjoy using this classic collection in the classroom as much as we enjoyed compiling them!

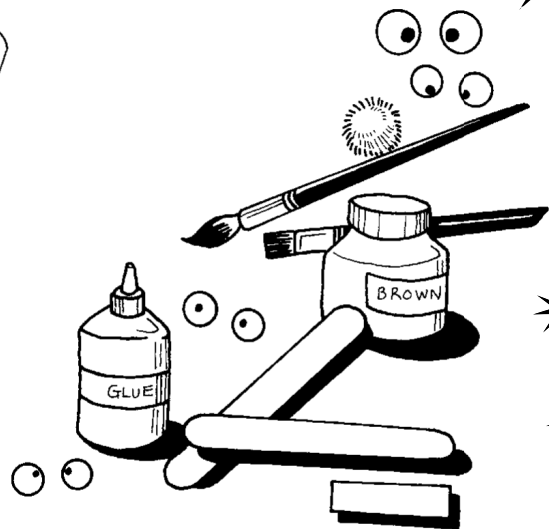
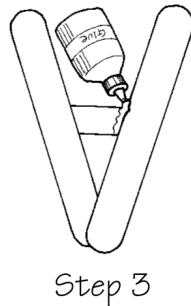
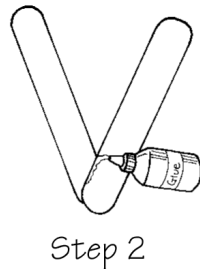
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Icy-pole Stick Reindeer

Materials:

2 1/2 icy-pole sticks
Brown paint
Paintbrush
Small red pom-poms
2 plastic wiggly eyes
Glue

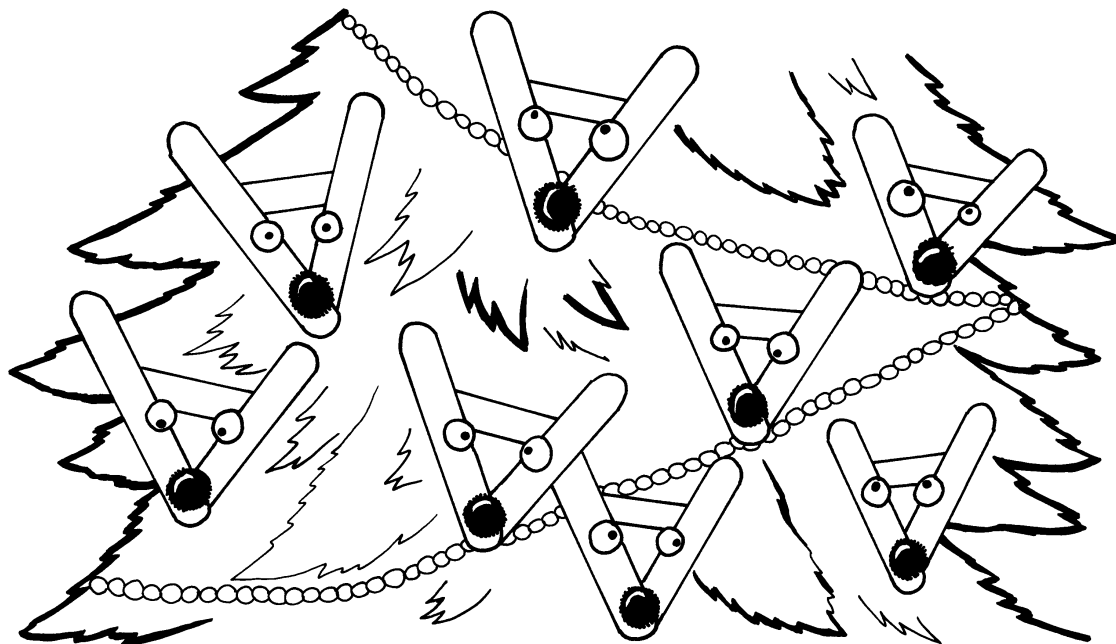


Directions:

1. Paint the icy-pole sticks brown.
2. Glue the two long sticks together to make a V.
3. Glue on the half stick to make an upside down A.
4. Glue on the two wiggly eyes and the pom-poms for the nose.

More ideas

- Instead of using icy-pole sticks, make the reindeer antlers from small twigs.
- Hang the icy-pole stick reindeer by tying brown wool where the sticks meet and tie a bow at the top.
- If you would like your icy-pole stick reindeer to have a body, cut an oval and two short legs (one in the front and one in the back) from a brown paper bag or brown project paper.



Mini Christmas Tree

Materials:

Newspaper
Pine cone
Green spray paint
Glue
Glitter



Directions:

1. Spread out the newspaper to cover your work area in a well-ventilated room. Place the pine cone on the newspaper. Cover the entire pine cone with green spray paint.
2. After the paint is completely dry, drizzle glue over the top of the pine cone.
3. Sprinkle glitter on the wet glue. Allow the glue to dry.



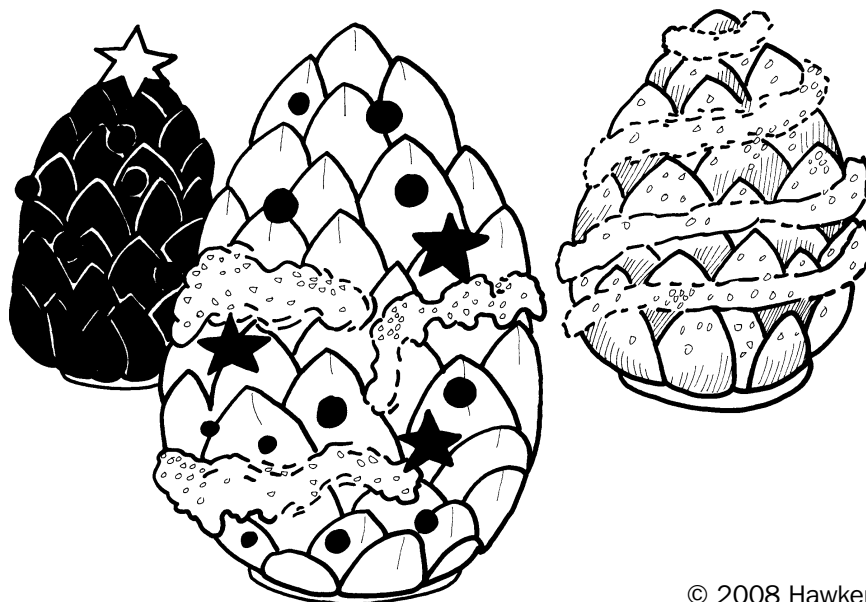
Step 1



Step 3

More ideas

- Glue coloured confetti on as tiny decorations; or make some popcorn, string them on a piece of thread and wind it around your mini Christmas tree.
- Make a mini simple 3-D star (page 39) to put on top of your mini Christmas tree.
- If you have access to a large number of pine cones, collect 20 or more. Use yellow or gold spray paint on one pine cone. Cover all the other pine cones with green spray paint. To make a larger mini Christmas tree, arrange the green pine cones so they make a large upside-down cone shape. Place the yellow or gold pine cone at the top as the star. Use hot glue to keep the pine cones together.



Christmas Greeting Cards

Materials:

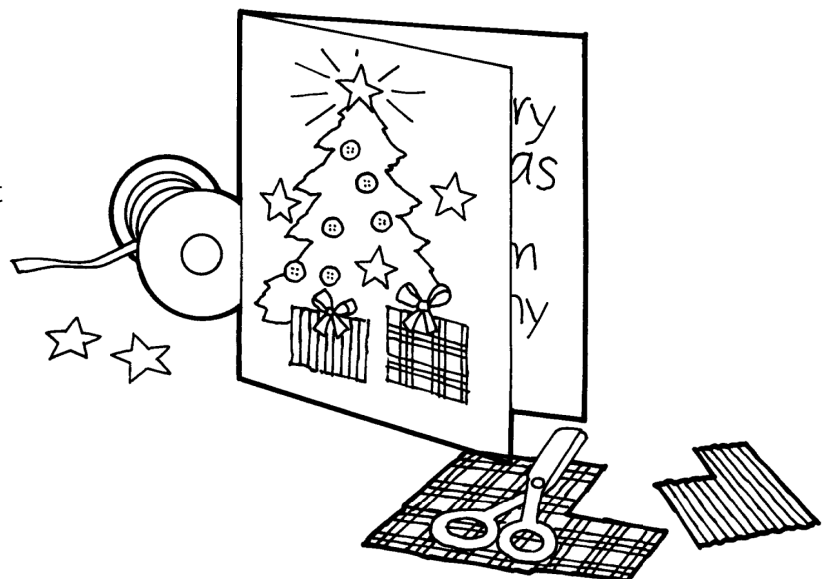
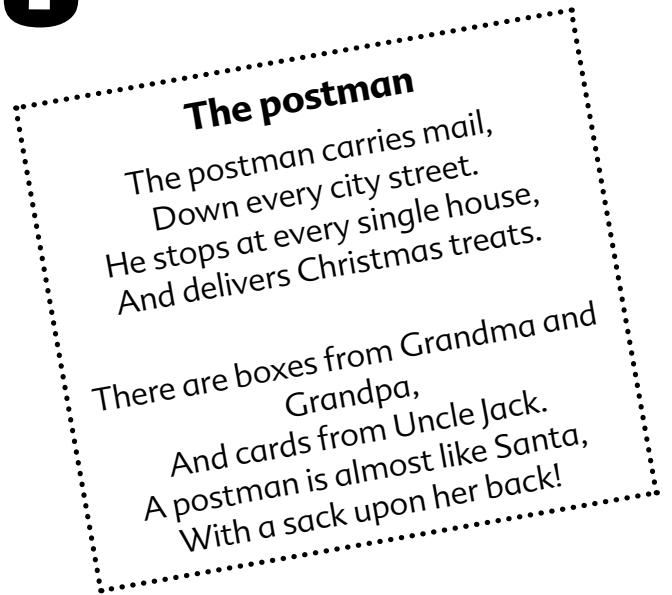
Project paper
Textas or crayons
Non-toxic glue
Various arts and crafts
Materials or wrapping
Paper scraps
Glitter
Safety scissors
Envelopes

Directions:

1. Simply fold each piece of project paper in half to create a card.
2. Have your child use a variety of Christmas colours, designs and materials to decorate as many cards as they desire.
3. Allow the cards to dry.
4. Write a sentiment inside, or let your child help with this.
5. Select envelopes to fit the cards.
6. Decide together on a list of recipients. Then send the cards.

Remember!

This can be a great learning experience for children and fun for all of you to enjoy. Children will be able to make each card without assistance and really feel good about their accomplishment.



Christmas Music

'Five Little Snowflakes'

Five little snowflakes dancing on the wind.
The first one said, 'It's fun to twist and spin'.
The second one said, 'There's winter in the air'.
The third one said, 'But we don't care!'
The fourth one said, 'We will tumble to the ground'.
The fifth one said, 'Decorate the woods and town!'
Whoop went the wind in the cold winter night,
And the five little snowflakes whirled out of sight.

Singing Christmas Carols

There are many lovely songs for the Christmas season. Get some Christmas CDs from the library or from the children themselves.

Some easy songs:

Sacred — 'Away in a Manger', 'Silent Night', 'Joy to the World'.

Secular — 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town'.

