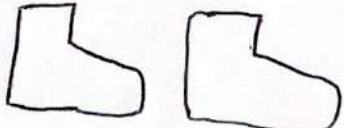
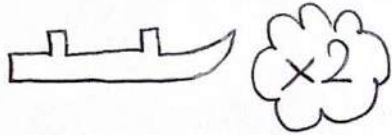


# It's a Skater Stick-Up!

Did you see the reports of people in Glasgow actually able to skate on a frozen lake last week? Amazing! Winter sports require you to wrap up warm, so find out some paper or old Christmas cards - we're going to make some cosy socks and tights for a skater

1. Gather your materials - old cards, junk mail, wrapping paper, envelopes - anything you've got to hand; scissors + glue.
2. Fold your paper to A5 - make some legs - they don't have to be bent they can be straight! You'll need two....
3. Next is the boots - or ice-skates - I forgot that they both need to face the same way so folding and only cutting once won't work! Cut 2 - they need to be as wide as the bottom of your legs. 

4. Now it's time to make the 'blades' this is the bit which slides along the ice, under the boots - cut two of these in a silvery grey paper so they look shiny!



5. Snow.... or ice - I used a sparkly bit of Christmas card, you might find some wrapping paper or the inside of an envelope with an interesting pattern. Cut a strip to go along the bottom of your page.

6. Next is a woolly jumper to keep your skater's bottom warm and to save it from all those tumbles; find a bit of paper which looks a bit like it might keep them warm or use a bit of a picture of a coat from a catalogue!

7. Stick them all together and draw on some snowflakes!



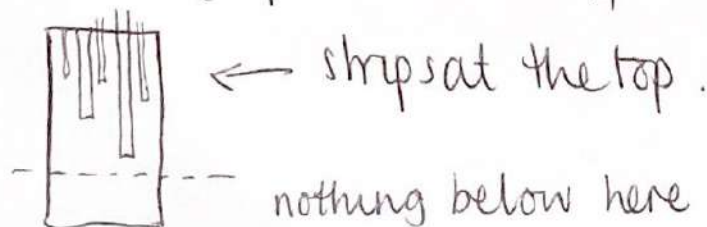
# Fox in the Woods.


Winter is a perfect opportunity to spot wildlife because you can see footprints in the snow and there are less leaves to make spotting them so much easier! Grab some collage material paper and scissors and lets make a picture...

1. Fold a piece of A4 paper in half to make a card shape or just use half (that's A5 for all you cool kids out there...)


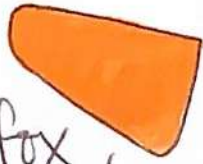


2. In your trash of collage papers, find some dark blue, black or grey bits which you can cut some strips from. You'll need 5 or six strips in different thicknesses. I used some Christmas cards.

3. Lay the strips at the top of the paper so that the ends all finish at different heights



4. When you're happy where you've put them, give them down  Thicker trunks should finish further down your page and thinner ones higher up - that's what makes them look further away!

5. Now I used a bit of paint, but you could use a pencil to draw in a shadow across the snow for each tree. Remember to use the same thickness as the tree. You can put in some little 'sprouts' by the trees too. Not too many! And make the fox's footprints too!

6. Next find an orangey bit of paper I'd got a wallpaper sample (BTW - great way of getting free samples of colours; look online!) and cut a tail  a body  and 4 legs  to make your fox shape!  
 snip snip!  
Glue him down and..... Ta daaaa!



# Spectacular Spheres

Look in the 'messy drawer', the 'craft cupboard', the 'everything box' and find out that bottle of bubbles you got in a party bag last year, or ask really nicely if you can make up a strong solution of washing up liquid

1 part washing up liquid to 6 parts water.

If you haven't got a 'blower' use a colander or a spoon with holes in or bend a paperclip to make a loop.

1 = Make your solution and let it 'rest' (apparently if you have 'glycerin' in your cupboard this will make it even better!) I've seen some people put it in the fridge overnight.

2 = On a really frosty morning when you can see your breath and all the cars are iced over, go outside and blow some bubbles taking photos before they melt. It's SPECTACULAR!



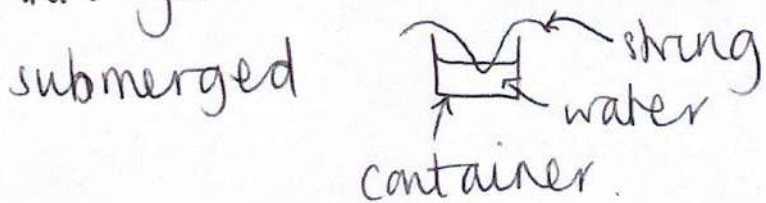


# Ice-tastic!

When it's really cold, and set to be freezing overnight, try this activity outside and watch your creation melt in the sunshine the next day! You'll need some plastic containers like take away tubs, or plastic cups, some string, and some leaves, flowers or stones and sticks you can find on a walk or in your garden.

1. First get some water and pour it into your containers - not too full!

2. Now get a length of string and lay it into your water so that some of it is submerged



3. Now add some interesting leaves, petals, anything with an exciting shape or colour into your water. Leave them outside to freeze in the cold overnight!

4. The next morning get up and pop on your coat and hat so that you can get outside and hang up your Ice-tastic Ice sculptures! Put them somewhere you can check on them, take some photos and maybe do it again when it's cold. - I'm told we're having snow at the weekend HURRAH!





# Bear Hugs

Everyone needs a hug, right? We're going to give a polar bear a nice warm hug in the form of a woolly jumper, so get out your pens and let's get started!

1. Draw a pencil line shape for your polar bear - and then using just dashes drawn in lines we are going to fill him in - just his head!

2. Now draw a poloneck jumper shape and some shoulders till you get to the bottom of your page

3. Use a coloured pen - or two to fill in some patterns on his cosy jumper.

4. I'm going to send warm hugs to say thank you for a gift I had at Christmas, who will be the lucky recipient of your Bear Hugs?








# Big Garden Bird Watch Robins

Every year, we take part in the RSPB Great \*Big Garden Bird Watch. We draw up a chart, check we know which bird is which, and start counting! It happens over a weekend in January and you can submit your results online. It's great fun to do, and you learn stuff too!

Using some old Christmas cards and junk mail, I've made some Robins - one of our most popular British Garden Birds! Follow the steps!

1. Find some collage paper, scissors and glue and sort out some brown, red and black coloured pages you can use.
2. Brown: Cut a body and a wing shape like this - 
3. Red: cut a circle which will fit on the body shape. - 
4. Black: snip a small triangle for the beak and a tiny circle for the eye 



5. Next, stick them together, putting the red circle on first, then the wing and then add your eye and beak.
6. Now you know what a Robin looks like, maybe you could take part in the Bird Watch and make some more collage birds when you're spotted them!



\* You don't have to have a 'Garden' to take part - you can do it on a walk, in a park or just from your window!

# Salty Watercolours

Adding salt to a wash of watercolour paint makes amazing icy patterns! Give this a whirl and maybe make the results into a card to send to a friend or to cheer someone up!

1. First you need some paper - the thicker the better but normal white paper will do.
2. If you have paints, you need to make it really watery so that you can wash the paint over the paper with your brush.
3. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle over some salt. If you have rock salt or sea salt try that too!
4. When it is dry, brush off the salt and admire the patterns! Make your designs into cards: I'm making some 'thank you' notes!







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