

Winter Activity Pack

This pack is designed to go alongside the winter holiday planner. We know these are difficult times so we thought we would create something to keep you occupied. We hope it helps.

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Quiz

Finish the saying

You're walking on thin _____

Cold hands, warm _____

Jack frost nipping at your _____

You'll catch your death of _____

Questions

"Now is the winter of our discontent" is the opening line from which William Shakespeare play?

How many sides do all snowflakes have?

The Winter War was a military conflict between the Soviet Union and which country?

Which Christmas carol is based on a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti?

What is traditionally left out for Santa in the UK on Christmas Eve?

How many can you get?

Name Santa's reindeer

Name the things that the true love gives in the song '12 days of Christmas'

Name where the last 5 winter Olympic games were held

Name the events Great Britain have won a Gold medal in at the Winter Olympics

Jokes

What do you call a snowman temper tantrum?

A meltdown

What is the difference between a Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

What did the icy road say to the truck?

Want to go for a spin?

What's a snowman's favourite drink?

Ice Tea

What is the best kind of breakfast cereal to eat in the winter?

Frosted Flakes!

Word search

g i n g e r b r e a d m c n y
j t z o w t x c a j c b h u b
l r v m n w a p t q z p j v q
p s e z y l h t w l h y b j e
o l s w p w l p b x b o w s c
t w r e t n i w m g c x e o l
j h r e v u g r v l o p r z x
x i t d h o f r a c s c e s c
f e g t y u l m f n s b i d k
x d s a m s c g d x o q n k o
c l c l n l e g l p w a d q x
b x p o e n i b o r q i e x i
b h w w l d h b a g z n e h n
b a u d d d g v p o l a r p e
b s z s y k i e l d l u g r b

sledge
snow
cold
scarf
winter
gingerbread
reindeer
polar
melt
robin
gloves
fireplace

Drawing Challenge

Draw:

- Something hopeful
- Something cold
- The magic of Christmas

It's up to you what you draw with these challenges, it can mean something different for you than it might be for someone else.

Use different forms if you have them paint, pencils, felt tips, chalk, crayons. These can be helpful to layer up and bring texture if they suit your drawing.

Maths quiz

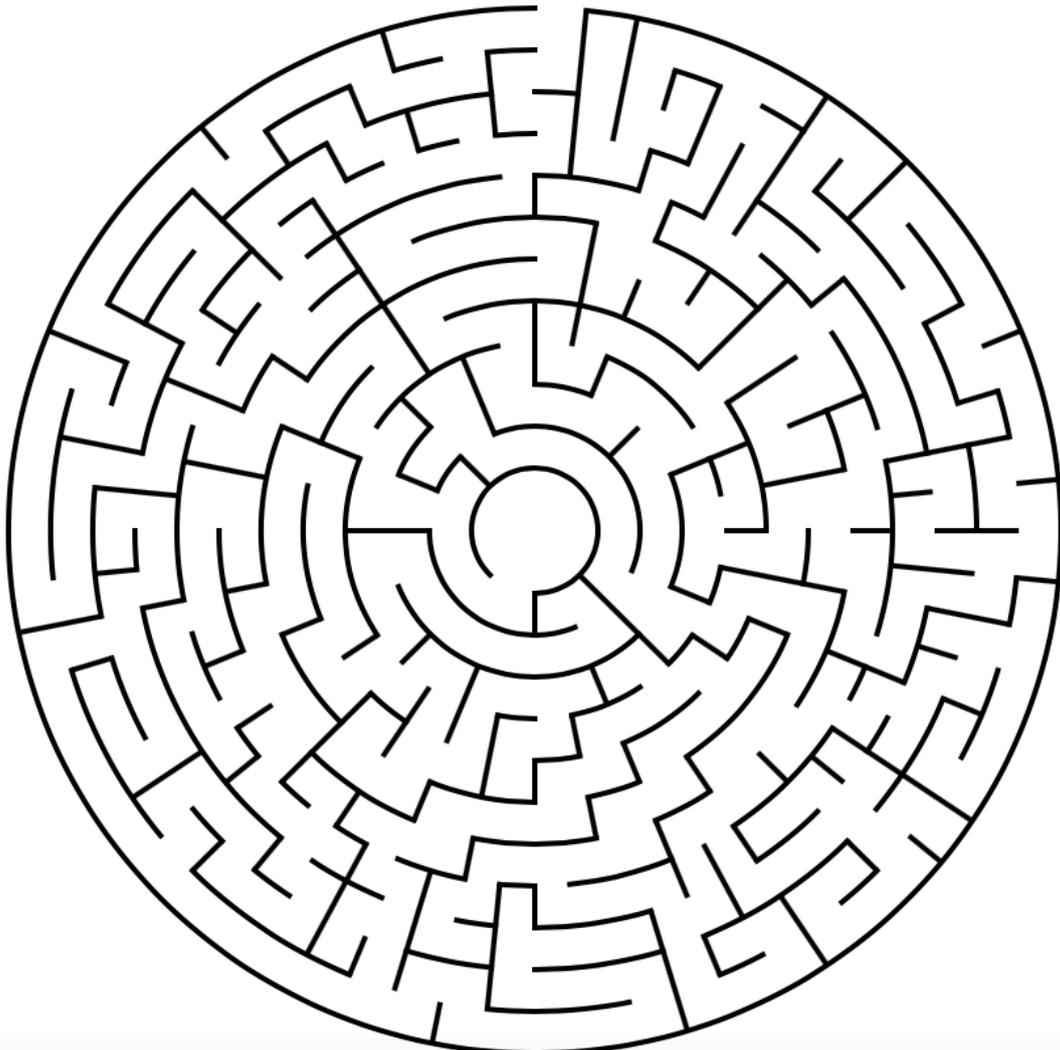
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If Mary throws 24 snowballs and Jon who is on the same team throws 81 snowballs but Peter who is on the other team throws 19 snowballs and Noreen throws 98. How many more snowballs do Peter and Noreen throw?

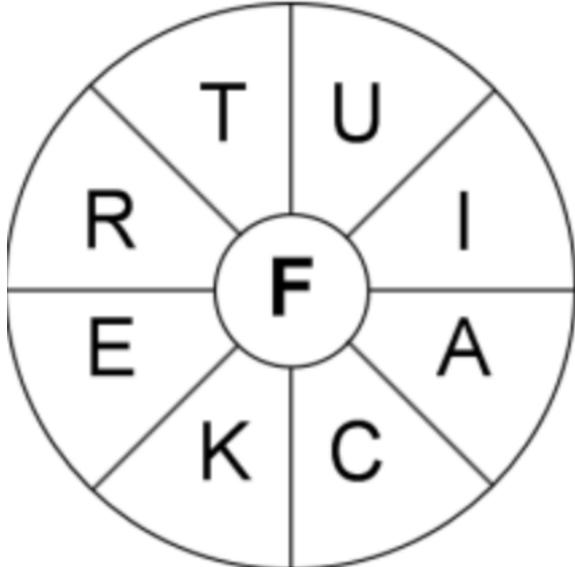
If I make 20 mince pies for 4 of my friends but eat 4. How many mince pies do I give to each of my friends?

Maze



Word Wheel

How many words can you make with the letters from the word wheel? Each word must use the letter in the centre of the wheel.

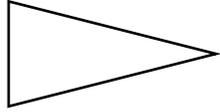


Caption competition

Come up with a caption for the following image, the funnier the better!



Create a picture



Colour



Finish the lyrics quiz

What is the next line in the song? Then name the song and artist

It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling.....

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart....

I don't want a lot for Christmas, there is just one thing I need...

It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid....

I'm driving home for Christmas, Driving home for Christmas....

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, Toys in every store...

Are you waiting for the family to arrive? Are you sure you got the room to spare inside? Does your granny always tell ya....

Quiz Answers

Finish the saying

You're walking on thin ___ *ice* _____

Cold hands, warm ___ *heart* _____

Jack frost nipping at your ___ *nose* _____

You'll catch your death of ___ *cold* _____

Questions

"Now is the winter of our discontent" is the opening line from which William Shakespeare play? *Richard III*

How many sides do all snowflakes have? *Six sides*

The Winter War was a military conflict between the Soviet Union and which country? *Finland*

Which Christmas carol is based on a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti? *In the bleak mid-winter*

What is traditionally left out for Santa in the UK on Christmas Eve? *Sherry and a Mince Pie.*

How many can you get?

Name Santa's reindeer

Prancer, Dancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Dasher, Vixen, Blitzen and Rudolf.

Name the things that the true love gives in the song '12 days of Christmas'
A partridge in a pear tree, 2 turtle doves, three French hens, four calling birds, five gold rings, six geese a laying, seven swans a swimming, eight maids a milking, nine ladies dancing, ten lords a leaping, eleven pipers piping, twelve drummers drumming.

Name where the last 5 winter Olympic games were held

PyeongChang 2018, Sochi, 2014, Vancouver 2010, Turin 2006, Salt Lake City 2002.

Name the events Great Britain have won a Gold medal in at the Winter Olympics

Men's Curling, Men's Ice Hockey, Two-man bob sleigh, Figure Skating, Women's Curling, Skeleton

Maths quiz answers

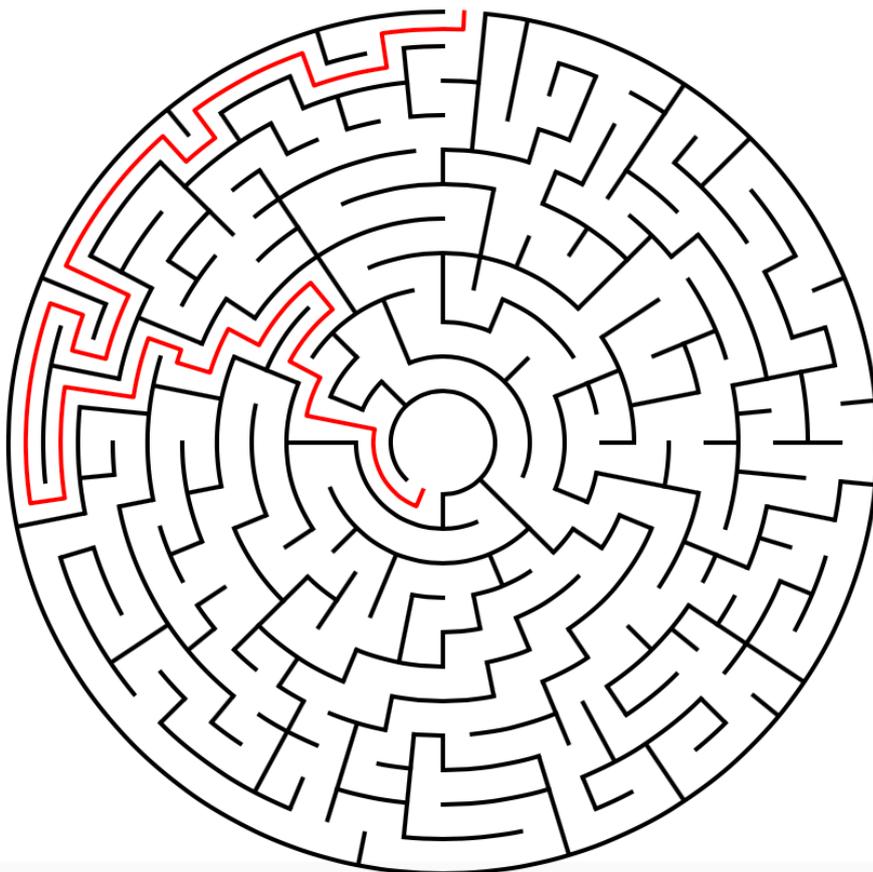
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$$876 - 298 = 578$$

If Mary throws 24 snowballs and Jon who is on the same team throws 81 snowballs but Peter who is on the other team throws 19 snowballs and Noreen throws 98. How many more snowballs do Peter and Noreen throw? **12 snowballs**

If I make 20 mince pies for 4 of my friends but eat 4. How many mince pies do I give to each of my friends? **19 each**

Maze solution



Finish the lyrics quiz answers

What is the next line in the song? Then name the song and artist

It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling.....
And everyone telling you be of good cheer, It's the most wonderful time of the year

Andy Williams- It's the most wonderful time of the year

Last Christmas, I gave you my heart....
But the very next day you gave it away

Wham!- Last Christmas

I don't want a lot for Christmas, there is just one thing I need...
Don't care about the presents, Underneath the Christmas tree
Mariah Carey- All I want for Christmas is you

It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid....
At Christmas time, we let in light and we banish shade
Band aid- Do they know it's Christmas?

I'm driving home for Christmas, Driving home for Christmas....
With a thousand memories
Chris Rea- Driving home for Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, Toys in every store...
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be, On your own front door
Bing Crosby- It's beginning to look at lot like Christmas

Are you waiting for the family to arrive? Are you sure you got the room to spare inside? Does your granny always tell ya....
That the old songs are the best? Then she's up and rock 'n' rolling with the rest
Slade- Merry Christmas everybody

Make some Mince Pies

What you need:

225g cold butter, diced

350g plain flour

100g caster sugar

280g mincemeat

1 small egg, beaten

icing sugar, to dust

Patty tins

Wire rack

What to do:

- 1) To make the pastry, rub the butter into the flour, then mix in the golden caster sugar and a pinch of salt.
- 2) Combine the pastry into a ball – don't add liquid – and knead it briefly. The dough will be fairly firm, like shortbread dough. You can use the dough immediately, or chill for later.
- 3) Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line 18 holes of two 12-hole patty tins, by pressing small walnut-sized balls of pastry into each hole.
- 4) Spoon the mincemeat into the pies. Take slightly smaller balls of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.
- 5) Top the pies with their lids, pressing the edges gently together to seal – you don't need to seal them with milk or egg as they will stick on their own. Will keep frozen for up to one month.
- 6) Brush the tops of the pies with the beaten egg. Bake for 20 mins until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 5 mins, then remove to a wire rack. To serve, lightly dust with the icing sugar.

Make some hot chocolate

What you need:

250ml milk of your choice

1 tbsp cocoa

1-2 tbsp soft light brown sugar

25g dark or plain chocolate, finely chopped, plus a grating to serve

1 tbsp whipped cream or squirty cream

Saucepan

Mug

Grater

What to do:

- 1) Heat the milk, cocoa, sugar and chocolate in a small pan over a medium heat until steaming and the chocolate has melted. Whisk to dissolve the cocoa.
- 2) Pour into a mug, then add the cream to float on top. Grate over a little more chocolate to serve.

Make a paper snowflake

What you need:

Scissors

Paper

What to do:

- 1) Begin with your square piece of paper and fold it in half diagonally to make a triangle.
- 2) Fold the triangle in half from the top corner to the bottom one, making a smaller triangle.
- 3) Fold the triangle into three, from left to right as shown here. Try to get these sections as even as possible.
- 4) Cut across your paper to create a straight edged triangle.
- 5) Now's the time to get creative and give your snowflake a pattern. Cut some straight and/or curvy lines into the edges of your paper – these can be different sizes and shapes but be careful not to chop right across the paper or you'll end up with a much smaller snowflake.
- 6) The reveal. Gently unfold your paper to reveal your snowflake and your unique design.

Make some biscuits

What you need:

300g butter, softened
140g caster sugar, plus 4 tbsp
300g plain flour
140g rice flour
Baking Tray
Cling Film
Spoon
Fork

What to do

- 1) Place the butter and 140g sugar in a bowl and mix until smooth.
- 2) Tip in both the flours and a pinch of salt, then mix until mixture comes together.
- 3) Using your hands, roughly spread the mixture out in a 20 x 30 x 4cm baking tray. Cover with cling film and smooth over until there are no wrinkles. Place in the fridge, uncooked, for at least 30 mins and up to 2 days.
- 4) Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Remove cling film, then lightly mark the shortbread all over with a fork.
- 5) Sprinkle with the remaining sugar, then bake for 20-25 mins.
- 6) Leave to cool in the tin, then cut into 24 thin slices.

Make a centrepiece

What you need:

Glass vase

Water

Branch

White Paint

Fresh Cranberries

What to do

- 1) Paint the branches with white paint, including the leaves
- 2) Leave to dry
- 3) Fill the vase with a little bit of water
- 4) Add some fresh cranberries to the water to add colour
- 5) Arrange the white branches in the vase
- 6) Place in the centre of the table.

Read: 'Twas the night before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

Sing some carols: Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank,
And then we got upsot.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white

Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
Oh, What fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh.

Sing some carols: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, oh, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

Sing Carols: The holly and the ivy

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full grown
Of all trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flow'r
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our dear Saviour

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn

O, the rising of the sun

And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in the choir

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all

O, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing in
Sweet singing in
In the choir

Guess the football scores

Leicester City ___ v ___ Manchester United

Aston Villa ___ v ___ Crystal Palace

Fulham ___ v ___ Southampton

Arsenal ___ v ___ Chelsea

Manchester City ___ v ___ Newcastle United

Sheffield United ___ v ___ Everton

Compare your guesses with the results. You get 3 points for a correct score and 1 point for correct result.

Make bird seed ornaments

What you need:

Cookie cutter
Grease proof paper
Baking tray
Coconut oil
Chopped nuts
Birdseed
Pan
Twine or string
Aluminium foil
Freezer

What to do:

- 1) Lay a greased, metal cookie cutter atop two layers of aluminium foil. Tightly wrap the foil up to cover the cutter's sides.
- 2) In a pot on medium heat, melt 1 cup coconut oil. Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped nuts (any variety will do) and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup birdseed. Let cool to a thick but pourable consistency.
- 3) Place one end of an 8-inch-long twine string into the cutter, so that most of the twine sticks out from the very top of the wing. Then slowly pour the seed mixture into the cutter until it almost reaches the top. Let harden at room temperature, then freeze for an hour. Pop the shape out of the cutter and hang outside.

Make potpourri

What you need:

3 handfuls (about 100g) of dried orange slices
5 handfuls (200g) broken up cinnamon sticks
3 whole dried oranges (50g)
1 handful (25g) star anise
1 handful (30g) dried rose petals
1 handful (20g) cloves
1 handful (30g) alder cones or mini pinecones
5 drops Cinnamon fragrance oil (you can get this from Hobbycraft or John Lewis as well as online)
5 drops of an orange fragrance oil.
Tupperware box or thick plastic bag

What to do:

- 1) Place all the ingredients in a thick plastic bag or Tupperware box and shake with a few drops of fragrance oil.
- 2) Leave to permeate for a few hours before using.
- 3) This should be enough for one large bowl or a few small ones.
- 4) Try and avoid contact of the oil on your skin in case of sensitivity – keep the oil and fragranced items away from polished, painted and synthetic surfaces and textiles in case they leave a mark.

Painting stones

What you need:

Stones

Sandpaper (if you wish)

Primer (if you wish)

Paper

Pencil

Paint

Fine tipped markers (if you wish)

Clear acrylic nail varnish

What to do:

- 1 Wash and dry stones.
- 2 Sand surface if needed/desired with sandpaper.
- 3 Prime surface if needed/desired. Allow to dry thoroughly (see product label).
- 4 Sketch/plan design on paper first, planning your paint steps. Generally, backgrounds are done first, and layers of paint are added one at a time, allowing paint to dry thoroughly between layers. Finer work comes last: fine-tipped markers and paint pens are usually best for this.
- 5 Pencil your design onto stone.
TIP: Use a rolled-up towel to support your drawing/painting hand.
- 6 Start painting. Fill in large areas of color first and allow everything to dry thoroughly before adding additional layers.
TIP: Use a hairdryer to speed up paint drying.
- 7 If you goof up, let it dry, then prime over it and start again.
- 8 When your design is done, protect your stone with a clear acrylic varnish.

Make a list

Things I would like to do next year

Write a poem

Next year I hope to.....

Next year I want to...

Next year I wish for....

Next year I dream of...

Make a face mask

What you need:

Milk Powder

Water

Spoon

Bowl

What to do:

1. Mix 32g powdered milk with enough water to form a thick paste.
2. Thoroughly coat your face with the mixture, let dry completely, then rinse with warm water.

Make a smoothie

What you need:

Frozen forest fruits

Banana

Apple juice

Yoghurt

Blender

Tall glasses

What to do:

- 1) Blend a handful of frozen forest fruits, 1 banana, a glass of apple juice and 3 tablespoons of yoghurt in a blender until smooth.
- 2) Pour into the tall glasses and serve.

Make some chutney

What you need:

1 ½kg cooking apples, peeled and diced
750g light brown sugar
500g raisins
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 tsp mustard seeds
2 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp salt
700ml cider vinegar
Pan
Clean empty jam jars with lids

What to do:

- 1) Combine all the ingredients in a large, heavy saucepan.
- 2) Bring the mixture to a boil over a medium heat, then simmer uncovered, stirring frequently, for 30-40 mins, or until thick and pulpy.
- 3) Remove from the heat, leave to cool and transfer to sterilised, clean, dry jars and seal.

Draw a self portrait

How would you like others to see you?

Make marbled paper

What you need:

Shaving foam

Shallow baking dish, such as a pie plate

Liquid watercolour paint (or watered-down food colouring)

Droppers

Stir stick, such as a chopstick or the bottom of a paint brush

Card stock (or poster board cut into smaller pieces)

A scraper, such as a square piece of cardboard

Scissor (if you wish)

What to do:

- 1) Spray a layer of shaving cream to cover the bottom of your baking dish.
- 2) Use a dropper to add drops of liquid water colour paint on top of the shaving cream.
- 3) Add more colours.
- 4) Use a stick (a chopstick, the end of a paint brush, or even the dropper) to swirl the paint around for a marbled effect.
- 5) Press a piece of card stock into the paint covered shaving cream.
- 6) Use a piece of cardboard to scrape off the shaving cream.
- 7) Leave to dry and if you wish, cut out shapes for gift tags for example.