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Winter Activities for Everyone!

CARPENTRY

Sometimes there is nothing more satisfying than making something with your own hands. Carpentry is a great way to get involved one-on-one with little ones. It teaches valuable skills that can be used around the farm like drilling, cutting, painting and nailing. From a simple boot remover to something a little more complex like a birdhouse, choose the right level project for your kiddo.



FREEZING BUBBLES

This is a great activity that doesn't take much prep work or skill level. And who doesn't like blowing bubbles? All you need is a bubble wand (make your own out of wire if you need to), bubble solution (or even diluted soap in a pinch) and some freezing temps. Who can make the biggest bubble? Which will float the farthest? How pretty does each one look as it freezes? Keep blowing until your soap or your breath runs out!



PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is a great way to explore the fascinating world around us. A simple digital camera or smartphone is all you need to get started. Selfies are fun and let you try different lighting, angles and expressions. Get outside and capture the beauty of nature on a winter hike. Or stay indoors and set up a still-life with household objects, action figures or other toys and see how lighting and perspective change the scene. Older kids can try night photography to see how different subjects appear in the dark or try to shoot the moon.



PAPER SNOWFLAKES

Making paper snowflakes is always fun, and they make your home look cheery and festive for the season. All you need is paper, scissors, string, tape or a stapler and your imagination. To begin, fold a paper square in half, then in thirds. Get snipping and turn your house into a winter wonderland!



WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

The wonderful thing about scavenger hunts is that they're so versatile. You can come up with just about any theme for your hunt, indoors or outdoors. It also works for any age. How about a color theme, where kids have to find items that match all the colors on their list? Shapes, the alphabet and the five senses are also good for young ones. You could do a nature theme and take a walk outside to find your items. Tie the scavenger hunt with the photography activity, and you can have little shutterbugs taking pics of their items.

SALT DOUGH DECORATIONS

Kids can learn about baking and also let their creativity take off with this activity. They can make nearly any shape, from Christmas trees to snowflakes to cars and sports items. Just follow the recipe below, then create, bake and decorate!

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup water
1 cup salt



- 1 Combine flour and salt in a mixing bowl.
- 2 Gradually add water as you stir until the mixture resembles play-dough.
- 3 Make the dough into a ball and knead it for about 5 minutes until it's smooth and firm. You may need to add more water or flour to get a dough that's not too dry or too sticky.
- 4 To bake your creations, place them on a foil-covered baking sheet in a 250°F oven. Depending on the size of your items, baking times will vary. Bake approximately 1/2 hour for each 1/4" in thickness or until they turn a light golden brown. Turn items so that they bake evenly.
- 5 Allow baked decorations to cool and then decorate as you desire.