

WINTER SNOWFLAKE PAINTINGS



In this art lesson, students will learn how to create winter snowflakes using glue, salt, and paint. They will explore snowflake designs, textures, and how snowflakes are made through literature and art.

NATIONAL ART STANDARDS

- VA:Cr1.1.PKa – Engage in self-directed play with materials.
- VA:Pr5.1.PKa – Identify places where art may be displayed or saved.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will be able to engage with art materials including glue, salt, and paint to create winter snowflakes.
- ✓ Students will be able to choose a place to display their snowflake painting to celebrate the season of Winter.

MATERIALS

- ☐ White cardstock paper
- ☐ Liquid glue
- ☐ Shaker filled with table salt
- ☐ Watercolor paints
- ☐ Paintbrushes
- ☐ A small bowl for water
- ☐ Light colored crayon
- ☐ Winter book such as Little Snowflake by Igloo Books



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ACTIVITY

- Introduce the lesson by reading a winter book such as Little Snowflake by Igloo Books, discussing the formation of snowflakes.
- Explain to students that they will make snowflakes with glue, salt, and watercolor paint.
- Provide choices such as a student can choose to draw snowflakes on the white cardstock with a light-colored crayon or create the snowflakes directly on the paper using liquid glue.
- Model how to make a snowflake with the crayon or glue on the cardstock, prompting students to use six lines crossing in the middle, just like a star!
- Allow students the opportunity to think about their snowflake designs including the number and sizes of snowflakes they will create.
- Show students how to trace the snowflakes with glue if a crayon was used. Model how to sprinkle the salt over the glue while it is wet. Comment that it looks like snow!
- Pass out materials for students to begin creating their snowflakes, ensuring the liquid glue and salt are nearby. Let the salt and glue snowflakes dry for a few minutes.
- Model how to paint over the salt with watercolor paints. Discuss the textures you see and how the salt and glue mix with the paint to create beautiful snowflakes.
- Give students watercolors to begin painting their snowflakes. Allow the project to dry before displaying.
- Invite students to share how their snowflakes compare to real snowflakes. Celebrate the season of winter by allowing each student to choose a spot to display their work.

