



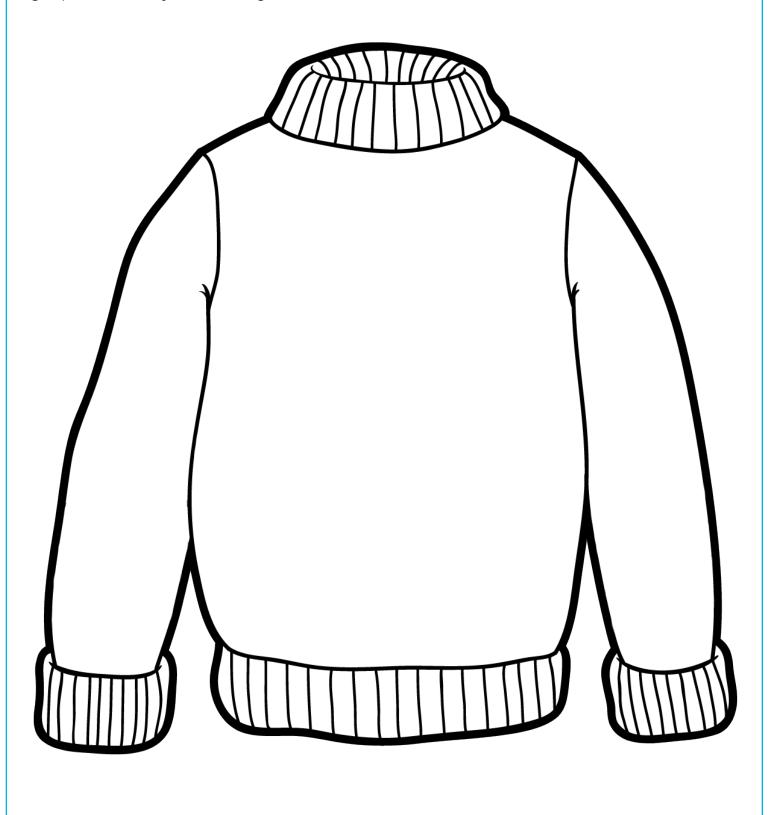






# design an ugly holiday sweater

What's the holiday season without ugly sweaters? Here is a fun blank sweater that will get your creative juices flowing!



## HOW DO I MAKE...

# Tissue Paper Snowflakes



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### **MATERIALS:**

- 1 Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Ruler (optional)

HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE TO DO? 5-10 minutes

### **DIRECTIONS:**



STEP 1 Cut your tissue paper into a square. You can measure with a ruler; we rec-

ommend your square to be at least 8 inches x 8 inches.

STEP 2 Fold the paper in half diagonally, forming a large triangle.

STEP 3 Fold the paper in half diagonally again, forming a smaller triangle.

Place the triangle on the table in front of you with the longest side facing away from you. Fold the outside flaps toward the center, dividing the triangle into three sections (see photo). Your paper will now look similar to an arrow.



STFP 5 Cut along the edge of the triangle, removing the flaps (see photo) forming a wedge.

STEP 6 Keeping the wedge folded, begin cutting out random shapes and designs along the folded edges.

STEP 7 Carefully unfold your triangle to reveal a 6-sided symmetrical snowflake! Create several snowflakes to decorate your home!



#### **VOCABULARY WORDS**

SYMMETRY: When a shape or object has two or more completely identical sides that are either facing each other or around an axis.

SQUARE: A shape with four sides all the same length and four right angle corners.



# HOW DO I MAKE A...

# **DIY Snow Globe**

## BY **AExplore & More staff**



### **MATERIALS:**

- Clear jar
- Plastic winter figures
- Hot glue
- Water
- Glitter
- Glycerin (optional)

### **DIRECTIONS:**



HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE TO DO?

5-10 minutes

STEP 1 Using the hot glue, secure the winter figure to the inside of the lid of your jar. Allow to completely dry.



STEP 3 Add glitter and a few drops of glycerin (optional). The glycerin will help the glitter float better in the jar but it is not required.

**STEP 4** Carefully screw lid onto the jar and hot glue rim closed.

**STEP 5** Flip jar upside down so that the lid is on the table and the figure is right side up.

**STEP 6** Shake your jar to make it snow!



#### **VOCABULARY WORDS**

WINTER: The coldest season of the year. Winter falls after autumn and before spring.

**SNOW:** Soft, white flakes of ice that fall from the sky like rain when it is below freezing.





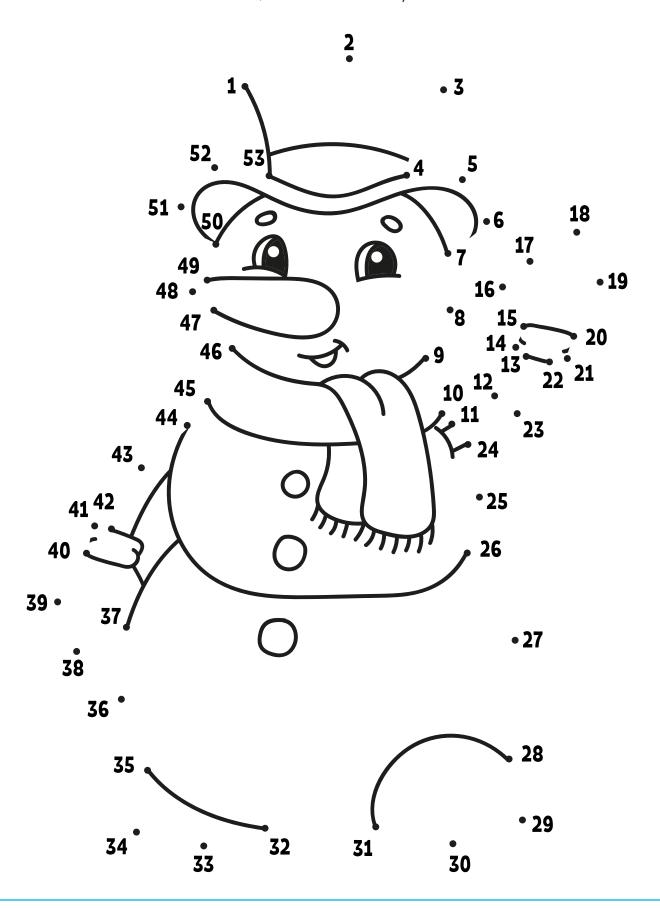
## cocoa maze

Take a break for a yummy hot chocolate with the Buffalo. Help him through the maze to find his cocoa before it gets cold!



# connect the dots & color

Connect the dots to draw the outline, and then color in your snowman!



## wintertime word search

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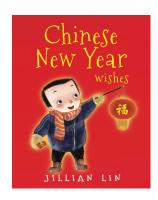
# chinese new year - year of the dragon



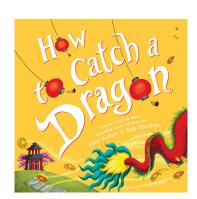
New Year has its own special traditions. In China, this festival is called Chinese New Year or Spring Festival. In 2024, the first day of the Chinese New Year is February 10, 2024, beginning the Year of the Dragon—the wood Dragon to be precise! Check out some of these great books to learn more!



Ruby's Chinese New Year by Vickie Lee



Chinese New Year Wishes: Chinese Spring and Lantern Festival Celebration by Jillian Lin



How to Catch a Dragon by Adam Wallace