



SPRING

The first day of spring is also called the vernal equinox where there is supposed to be 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night.

Common spring flowers are lilacs, daffodils, irises, tulips, lilies, and dandelions. Many cultures celebrate the return of spring.

It often signifies rebirth or rejuvenation.

Cherry blossom viewing, known as hanami, is a major festivity in Japan. Sakura or cherry blossoms are an important symbol in Buddhism.

Holi

The name Holi comes from "Holiha", the sister of demon King "Hiranyakashyap". Who was burnt to death when she sat on fire with prahalad (devotee of Lord Vishnu) son of Hiranyakashyap, who forbade him to worship Lord Vishnu.

It is celebrated after the full moon in the month of 'Phalguna' which generally falls between February and March.

A special delight that people make at their home is Gujiya.

The festival of Holi is predominantly a festival of fun. People spend a lot of their time during the festival days engaging in fun activities.



PAPER TUBE OWL

supplies: scissors, pencil, googly eyes, cardboard tube, colors, scrapbook paper

Preparation:

Cut out wings from the scrapbooking paper and place in a small bowl.

Cut out small orange triangles for beaks and place in a small bowl.

Fill small bowl with googly eyes.

Cut out small feet and leave long enough tail to be glued inside the tube.

Step 1: Fold one end of paper tube so that it forms the ears

Step 2: Affix googly eyes

Step 3: Affix nose

Step 4: Affix wings (can be bent and affixed or just glued as is)

Step 5: Bend the bottom part of the foot so that the majority of it is glued inside the tube and just the feet stick out.

Step 6: Lay owl down for glue to dry, otherwise the googly eyes might slide down the tube.



SUMMER

Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.

Meteorologists see the summer starting in the north on June 1st and in the south on December 1st.

A June fun fact is that the month of June is named after the Roman goddess Juno.

The Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year.



Ramadan

It is believed that Muhammad received the first revelation during Ramadan. The beginning of Ramadan can move as many as 11 or 12 days each year.

"Ramadan Mubarak" which means "Have a blessed Ramadan."

Eid ul Fitr is celebrated by wearing one's best clothes, giving gifts, having a large meal, and spending time with one's family.

Draw Lines-Using a ruler, mark the center of your square paper with a pencil.

If you do not have a ruler, you can eyeball the center pretty easily.

Next use your ruler to draw a diagonal line from each corner of the paper, halfway to the center.

Cut Down Lines-Use the scissors to cut down the diagonal lines you just marked on your paper.

Fold and Pin-Fold alternating points (every other point)

into the center dot and put a pushpin through.

This step can be tricky since the points like to escape if you are not holding them tight, so patience is key.

Attach to Straw-Hold the pushpin with gathered points in one hand tightly and use your other hand to push the remainder of the pin through a straw.

We used paper craft straws for these pinwheels but you could also attach your pinwheel to a plastic straw or a pencil. Once your pushpin is through the straw, use a little bit of masking tape to make sure no little fingers get stuck by the pin.

Scissors

Pencil

Craft paper or recycled paper (squares)

1 straw per pinwheel

1 pushpin per pinwheel

Optional: ruler

PAPER WINDMILL

3D GLASSES

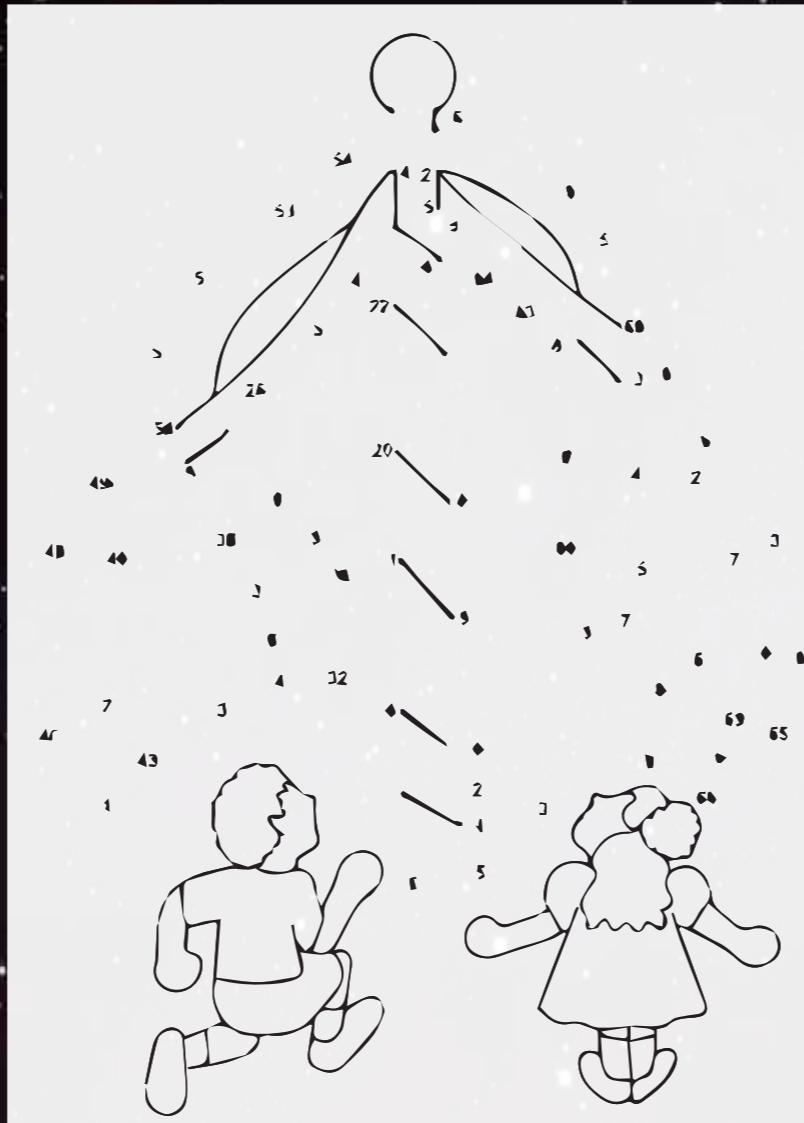


create or reuse a pair of glasses frame.
cut out clear plastic to use as lenses.
color one lens red and other blue.
tape the lenses over the eye hole
now look the pictures .AMAZING RIGHT!

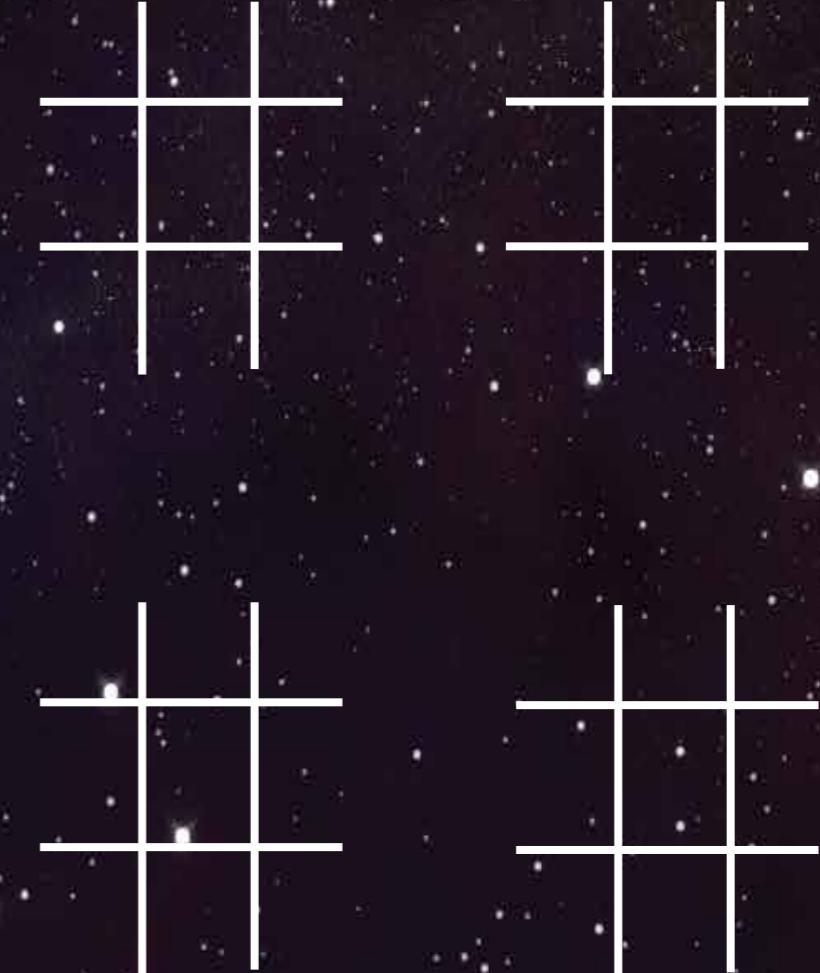


HAHA...!

Join the dots and color the picture.



TIK-TK-TOE...!



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MONSOON

Monsoon comes from the Arabic word 'mausim', meaning seasonal winds.

The coastal state of Kerala is the first to receive the seasonal rains.

The southwest monsoon first hits the Western Ghats in the state and then moves northward along the Western Ghats.

Planting of crops like rice, cotton, sugarcane and soya bean depends heavily on the rains received.

GANESH CHATHURTHI

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated on the fourth day of Shukla Paksha of the month Bhadra.

According to Ganesh Purana, Lord Ganesh was born on this day.

Lord Ganesha is a deity who is also considered as the god of intelligence. It is believed that Lord Ganapati was the family deity of the Peshwas.



Ganesh's blessing eliminates 21 kinds of sufferings.



SPONGE BOAT

- * 2 Large car/boat sponges
- * 2 x 12 wooden craft sticks
- * a BBQ skewer to poke holes in sponges
- * 1 sponge paint dabber for a crow's nest
- * a couple different colours of fun foam for sails
- * a permanent marker/s to decorate
- * scissors, stapler, and glue gun

1. Cut one of the sponges in half for the top deck of the ship.
2. Decide how many sails the ship will have (2 works nicely), then cut out a foam rectangle for each main sail.
3. Cut out long skinny triangles for however many flags your child wants (5 or 6 works well).
4. Decorate the sails and flags with permanent marker or fun foam shapes or whatever else you like. If your child wants to use fun foam shapes to decorate, I would strongly advise using a glue gun or stapler to help them stick permanently.

PUTTING THE SHIP TOGETHER

1. Using the BBQ skewer, poke holes in the sponges where the masts are going to go.

Make sure you have at least one mast going through both sponges. This one will hold the ship together.

2. Now poke a hole in the top and the bottom of each sail and thread the mast through the holes.

Poke the masts into your ship.

3. To make the crow's nest, carefully peel the sponge off a sponge paint dabber, poke a hole in it and then slip it onto the mast above a sail.

4. To make flags, fold the wide end of a foam triangle over by about 2cm and staple it. Then slip it onto the mast. You can trim it a bit to make it look nicer.

5. Decorate the ship with permanent marker. You can add portholes, gunports, cabin doors and a NAME!

6. Add anything else to the ship to make it unique - try ropes and rigging, a steering wheel, a treasure chest, an anchor etc. Kids always blow me away with their cool ideas..

AUTUMN

The Northern Lights are stronger in autumn season. The word fall is literally derived from the phrase "the fall of the leaves."

Apple, pears, sweet potatoes are some of seasonal edibles on this season.

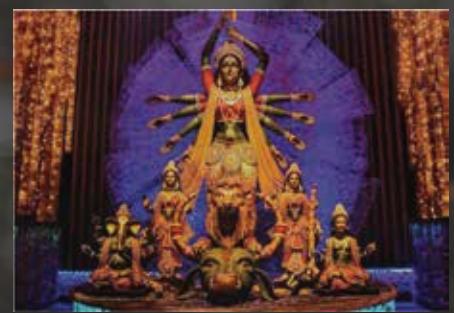
the northeast (or "retreating") monsoon, brings dry, cool, and dense air masses to large parts of India.

Winds spill across the Himalayas and flow to the southwest across the country, resulting in clear, sunny skies.

Durga Puja, major festival of Hinduism, traditionally held for 10 days in the month of Ashvina (September–October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, and particularly celebrated in Bengal, Assam, and other eastern Indian states. Durga Puja celebrates the victory of the goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura.

This is symbolic of the departure of the deity to her home and to her husband, Shiva, in the Himalayas.

DURGA PUJA



Durga Puja's first day is Mahalaya, which heralds the advent of the goddess. Celebrations and worship begin on Sasthi, the sixth day. During the following three days, the goddess is worshipped in her various forms as Durga, Lakshmi, and Sarasvati. The celebrations end with Vijaya Dashami ("Tenth Day of Victory"), when, amid loud chants and drumbeats, idols are carried in huge processions to local rivers, where they are immersed.

PAPER LANTERNS



Cardboard paper
color Tissue paper
Pencil or pen
Paper cutter
Scissors
Craft glue
Tea lights are best

CUTTING-your Black Cardboard-make an 8 inches tall and 4 inches wide triangular lantern, in that case cut an 8 inches x 12.5 inches cardstock paper. The base of the

Lantern will be made by folding the 12 inch into even thirds and keeping 0.5 inch extra for attaching the side.

DESIGN-Choose a simple and easy design for the lantern.

Use pencil to trace the design on the middle part of the even thirds. You can simply cut out easy patterns or draw a frame around the square part and then draw.

CUT-use paper cutter to cut out the patterns. If kids are working on this project please make sure that they are under adult supervision for this step. Cut out the patterns as neatly as possible.

DECORATE-Select 3 or 4 colored craft papers and cut them according to the different parts of the cut out pattern.

Cover one part of the pattern at a time.

Apply glue around the sides of the selected part of the pattern and prepare a colored craft paper for it.

ASSEMBLING - Place the prepared craft paper on the glued area; to cover the open cut out areas of the pattern. Done attaching the craft papers? Now turn the cardstock paper to the other side.

This is the front side of the lantern. Apply glue along the extra 0.5 inch of the cardstock.

Bring the other open side of the cardstock paper and join it with the glued part. Allow the glue to dry.

FINISHING-Place a candle inside a glass (the candle should be shorter than the glass) and then place the lantern over the glass. Light up the candle to see the magic!

According to the Guinness Book of World record, on January 28, 1887, a 15 inch wide, 8 inch thick snowflake ever observed fell in Fort Keogh, Montana.

In 1921, the most snow in 24 hours was recorded at Silver Lake, Colorado, U.S.A. with 76 inches.

Snowiest city on Earth is in Japan known as Aomori city, experiences a snowfall of approximately 25 feet.

Christmas



The birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated as Christmas.

Christmas is a contraction of "Christ's Mass," which is derived from the Middle English Cristemas, which in turn comes from the Old English Crīstesmæsse, a phrase first recorded way back in 1038.

According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck. It's technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day in England. In the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. The law has never been rescinded.

The first decorated Christmas tree was in Riga, Latvia in 1510.

The Nordmann Fir is considered the leader among Christmas trees.

Supplies

cardboard or Thick Paper

Small Clear Plastic Cups

Cotton Balls

Glue

Mini Ornaments or figurines

Mini Styrofoam Balls

Glitter - optional

Pen

Scissors

WATERLESS SNOW GLOBE

Steps

1. Using the plastic cup and cardboard/paper plate, trace a circle around the widest part of the cup and then cut the piece out with scissors.
2. Put a dollop of glue on the cardboard circle and brush it all over the entire piece.
3. Cover the base with cotton balls, gently pulling them apart and sticking them to the glue on the circle.
4. Arrange the ornaments or figurines near the center of the cotton covered circle. Use glue on each of the bases to secure them.
5. Set your plastic cup upright and pour a little of the mini styrofoam balls in the bottom. Don't go overboard with the foam or they'll set stuck on your ornaments or cover them when you adhere it together. You can also throw in a little glitter to the cup too if you'd like.
6. Give your base (with the ornaments) about 30 minutes to dry a little. Once they are more stable, gently place a ring of glue around the edge of the circular base. Next, you're going to secure the top cup to the bottom of the snow globe. Keep the cup on the counter and turn over the base with the ornaments to the top ring of the cup. Gently turn both the cup and base over and place on a dry surface.



