

Snow Zone!

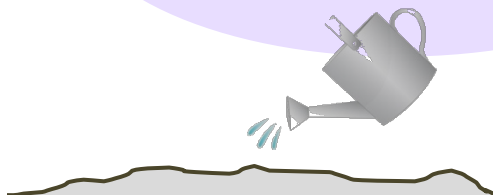
WINTER ART

Use snow and ice to create art in your front yard! Build animals, snow forts, ice castles, and so much more. Try these ideas:

- Make colourful ice blocks by freezing food colouring and water in plastic containers or ice cube trays. Use blocks to build a mini castle or sculpture.
- Pack snow against a tree trunk and use a stick to "carve" a shape or face out of snow.
- Create a snow animal. Use pine cones, leaves, sticks, and berries to add hair, eyes, a nose, arms, and legs to your creature.

WINTERSCAPING TIP

Are you trying to build a snowman but the snow won't stick together? Add a little water to your snow pile and mix it in to make **packing snow** that is perfect for snow building!



Snow Science

No two snowflakes have exactly the same shape! Each snowflake is made of many tiny snow crystals. Most snowflakes have a shape with six sides. A six-sided shape is called a *hexagon*.

Make Snowflake Shape Impressions

See how many snowflake shapes YOU can find the next time it is snowing outside. You need:

- Small mirror
- Hairspray
- Magnifying glass

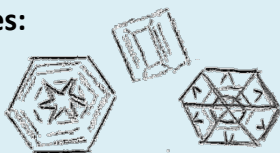


1. Spray the mirror with a bit of hairspray and leave in the freezer until it is very cold.
2. When it snows, carry the mirror outside (hairspray side up) and let a few snowflakes fall on the surface. Look at them with a magnifying glass.
3. Carefully take the mirror inside and let the snowflakes melt. Use your magnifying glass to see the snowflake impressions left behind on the mirror!

Look for these shapes:



Hexagonal Columns



Hexagonal Prisms & Plates



Needles



Stellar Dendrites & Plates



Irregular Crystals

Snow Jokes:

Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch?

A: Icebergers

Q: What kind of math do snowy owls like?

A: Owlgebra

Q: What do snowmen call their kids?

A: Chill-dren

Q: How do snowmen get around?

A: By icle

Winterscaping is a great way for kids and adults to have fun outside creating a beautiful winter front yard at home, school, work, or your group location



Why not have a
winterscape-
making party with
friends?



Some Winterscaping Ideas

- *Use snow, ice, stones, and plant materials to create snow creatures, fun winter scenes, and more*
- *Make a bird feeder or ice ornaments to hang from trees*
- *Use snow as a blank canvas for snow painting with food colouring and water*
- *Add a few garden lights or keep your winter lights up all season*

Your imagination is the limit!

Nominate Your or a Neighbour's Winterscape for An Award

- Visit edmonton.ca/winterscapes for more info and winterscaping ideas
- Nomination categories include Winter Yard, Winter Art, and Winter Play
- Submit a photo online **Jan 12 – Feb 22, 2015** through our webpage
- Weekly prize draws for submitted nominations

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