DIY CHRISTMAS DECOR IDEAS

By Johana Pham, Hazel Patro, and Clara Mondal, Grade 7

1) Mini Christmas Tree:
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Supplies Needed:
1 Bowl
Bottle of Glue
Yarn
Beads

1. Take your bowl and pour the bottle of glue into it.
2. Get your yarn and put it into the bowl of glue
3. Once the yarn is in make sure every single strand of
4. Take a piece of paper and roll it up into a cone
5. Wrap the yarn all around the cone and let it dry.
6. When it’s dry take the yarn off the cone and glue beads.

Source: https://diy-enthusiasts.com/decorating-ideas/christmas/diy-christmas-decorations-holiday-home/

2) Snow Globes: By Hazel Patro, Grade 7

Supplies Needed:
Mason Jar
Object (any item you want to put inside)
Glitter
Water
Glue

1. Take your jar lid and glue the item to the inside
2. Add water, and glitter to the jar
3. Screw on the lid
4. Add any decorations to the outside (optional :)

Source: http://bestdiytricks.com/waterless-snow-globes/
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3) Mini Snowman: By Clara Mondal, Grade 7

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1. Taking both pom poms hot glue all around and stick together
2. Cut 5 small pieces from the black pipe cleaner and 1 piece from the orange
3. Glue 2 black pieces for the eyes and one orange for the nose, then glue 3 for the buttons down the middle
4. Take a ribbon or string and tie around the pom pom (this part is the scarf, it’s optional)

Sources: [https://www.pinterest.com/pin/139330182191977543](https://www.pinterest.com/pin/139330182191977543), [https://www.WEBSITE.com](https://www.WEBSITE.com)

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How To Make Fluffy Slime

By Katie Sol, Grade 6

Hi everybody, I am here to tell you instructions to make something that is very satisfying, awesome, and an easy to make toy. The toy is, drum roll please!.. Slime!! It is so easy to make! But today I am not going to write about just ordinary slime, but I am going to write about fluffy slime!! Most people use borax and water to make slime but that isn’t the most convenient to make slime out of, because it is bad for your skin, so we are going to make slime that doesn’t include borax.

First, you have to have the following ingredients:

- Bowl
- A mixing tool (a spatula or a metal or a plastic spoon)
- Liquid glue
- Shaving cream
- Lotion
- Baking soda
- Contact lens solution
- Foaming soap
- Food coloring (optional)
- Measuring spoons

Now that you know the ingredients, let’s get started.

First off, get the bowl and the mixing tool. Then, add 1 ½ cup of glue to the bowl. I recommend Elmer’s School Glue because it works best. After that, add 1 teaspoon of baking soda. Then you add 1 1/2 cup of shaving cream. After that, add about a half cup of foaming soap, (this is going to make it even fluffier). Next, you are going to add 4 pumps of your lotion to the mixture. Then you are going to mix. It is going to look like whip cream if you did it right. (WARNING: DO NOT EAT!)

Then if food coloring is available, add it in, and you mix. After the mixing is done, slowly add in your contact lens solution and mix until it is barely sticking to the mixing tool. Then you can start mixing with your hands and if it still sticks, you can add more contact lens solution. Then finally you are done! Putting it in a container is highly recommended so it does not become stone.
DIY Sunset Painting

By Clara Mondal, Grade 7

Supplies Needed:

- Oil paint (any paint works but oil paint will look best for this, red, orange, yellow, black)
- Paint Brushes
- Oil (any will work, you can use this to clean the brush)
- Canvas
- pencil, eraser
- Pallet (optional)

Steps:

1. Using your pencil lightly draw a cloud shape near the top right of your canvas (Very lightly!)
2. Dipping your brush in the orange paint, start painting from the top in horizontal strokes
3. Keep doing the same thing, going all the way down the canvas with the color red, and then a bit of black at the very bottom
4. At the bottom left there should be more black added for the shadow of the plant
5. Using a different brush (or clean with oil) make a seaweed like plant in the left of your canvas, paint it black
6. Now going back to the cloud you will color that yellow, and also to make it look more natural, drag the yellow out and blend it together

Snowflake Craft

By: Raiyna Walia and Daphne Simmons 7th grade

The holiday season is the most wonderful time of the year, so we need beautiful decorations to go with it. Here we have step by step directions for a 3D paper snowflake center piece.

1. Start with a square paper(any size or any color) and fold it in half diagonally. Then fold it in half again to make a smaller triangle.

2. Next cut 5 lines on the folded edge like the picture to the right

3. Take the smallest points and tape them together at the point. Then take the next strips and tape them on the opposite side. Repeat until the section is done.
4. You should end with a piece like the one in the picture
to the right.

Repeat that 6 more times.

Staple all six sections together. Now you have a stunning
holiday snowflake!

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Video Game Review: Overwatch
By Parker Cotton, Grade 6

**Intro:** Hello video gamers (or not). Do you like multiplayer first
person shooter that is based on your skill but is still a team game? Well then
Overwatch is the game for you!

**Composition:** What you do in overwatch is you fight other players in PvP game types: like capture the
flag, elimination, capture the point and move the payload. It’s a 6v6 and there are 4 classes: offense, defense,
tanks and supports(or healers). If you are defending, you want 2 defense,
1 offense, 1 tank and 2 support for the best team. If you are attacking you want 3 offense, 2 tanks, 1 support,
and it will most likely lead you to victory.

**My Thoughts:** My thoughts on the game is it’s a great game, it blends most of my favorite things about
video games together (no roaming though). Also I can play with my friends. I love playing with my friends
without having to move from my chair. I just plug in my headset and I can talk to them. Also it just a really
well made game. Although it costs a lot of $$$.

Video Game Review: Subnautica
By Parker Cotton, Grade 6

**Intro:** Hello games(or not). Do you like games that have scary
suspense and a great story that is all under water? Well then subnautica is
the game for you!

**Composition:** In this game the aurora has a failure and crashes
onto an alien planet, you have to gather resources to fabricate things to get
better. If you get good enough you can explore the aurora wreck and find some cool things. But beware there is
a creature called a reaper surrounding the ship. But once you get to the ship it mostly safe accept some hostile
spider robots, but their not too hard to beat. Also make sure to bring fire extinguishers to put out all the fire. A
scanner is also something to bring because there is a lot of things to scan.

**My Thoughts:** My thoughts on the game is it's an okay game it takes a long time to do things and if
you don’t completely know the story it's much much harder. But at times when you do things you you feel very
accomplished. It’s a pretty good game.
Video Game Review: Terra Tech

By Parker Cotton, Grade 6

**Intro:** Hello gamers (or not). Do you like games that have free building, roaming, fighting and cool mechanics all in one? than terra tech is the game for you!

**Composition:** What you do in terra tech is you start out as this small one block cab and you have to build your way up to the top by creating fighting vehicles that can stay alive but also deal enough damage to destroy other AI’s techs. You can create cool mechanics that farm $$$ or defend your base. Once you get a stable supply of $$$ you can start doing missions to gain new parts. You might even get a new license. There are 4 license types; G.S.O(you start with this one), Geocorp, Venture and Hawkeye.

**My thoughts:** My thoughts on the games are it is one of my favorite games i love the fact that the game has so many new mechanic and it always showing me something new, like I will go on a mission called crafty business and it will teach me about the refinery. Then it will give me one so then my home base will have one. And the game doesn’t cost too much.

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Video Game Review: TERRARIA

By Parker Cotton, Grade 6

**Intro:** Hello gamers (or not). Do you like minecraft only much more complex and more things? Then Terraria is just the game for you!

**Composition:** You start out as this lonely character with your only friend is the guide. The first thing you should do is build a good house. But after that you should go mining. The best way is dig straight down and mine until you die, because you don’t lose your stuff you will get good ores like iron and tungsten. but the best thing to get underground is a life crystal when you get many life crystals you can fight harder things. You can start to get better killing and finding more mobs and building bigger bases. Once you get good stuff like the mini shark and platinum ore, you fight the eye of cthulhu. The eye of cthulhu is the first boss you should face and it’s a pretty easy boss but very important. what you want to have is good armor like tungsten or higher than a mini shark and then spawn him in with a strange eye. If you keep building and getting better you might even kill the wall of flesh but that’s a bigger story to tell later!

**My Thoughts:** I love this game and even when I start playing another game I always come back to this in the end. I will alway adore this game have beaten the main boss so many times. And it cost very little $$$. 

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**Short Story**

DEEP, DARK, WOOD, PART 1: JANE CLARK

By Lizzy Robinson, Grade 6

*People say I’m strange.* And I have absolutely no problem with that. I guess that’s because I am. I mean, I have superpowers. Well, now I do. My name is Jane Clark, age 13, and this is my story.

It’s noon. The wind is howling and the sky is dark. As you could guess, it’s a terrible storm. And it’s a Saturday. In summer. The lush green trees of the Hoh rainforest near the coast of Washington are wet, dripping, and there are my friends, Sally Stevens, Noah Robertson, Jacob Williams, and I hiking in the middle of this. With no umbrella. So this stinks.

FLASH! BAM! BOOM! Lightning hits a tree nearby. Just our luck. Sally covers her ears and Noah’s eyes grow big. I gasp a little, too. So does Jacob. As soon as the tree hits the ground, something weird happens.
It’s like everything thing is in slow motion, but we aren’t. The supernatural feel, you know? I had never felt this feeling before, like everything was underwater, but I wasn’t. But that wasn’t the weirdest thing. The rain was. I looked up. For one split second, it looked as if the rain was shimmering, sparkling... unnatural. The thunder boomed again, lightning flashed, and everything was normal again.

Suddenly, two dark figures emerged. I couldn’t see their faces, and I was scared, because like, your parents are always telling you to not talk to strangers. I looked at Sally. Her face looked as frightened as felt. I wondered if that’s what I looked like.

“Fear not, we mean no harm. We mean to take you back to a safe zone.” one of the figures said. It was a girl. I could hear it.

“What do you mean?” Sally was scared, I could tell. I looked around and saw that Jacob and Noah were wondering the same thing. I have a way with reading others’ emotions.

“The other figure spoke up. “Something has happened and it is not safe here anymore.” He was a boy.

“But we come here almost every week. How is not safe anymore?” I asked.

“As I said, something has happened, and it isn’t safe here anymore.” his voice dropped to a mumble, but we could still hear him, “let’s just hope it’s affects didn’t affect you four.”

“What did you say?” Noah practically yelled. He had heard every word he had just said, and he was outraged. “What will affect us. We’re not idiots, you know!”

The girl spoke. “I am aware of that. Come, let’s go to a safer place and I’ll tell you everything.” she glared at the boy. She led us down a trail, into the deep, dark, wood.

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**The Three Heroes Part 1; Emmery**

**Unknown**

By Addison Swenson, Grade 6

One night there was a terrible storm. Lightning crackled as thunder boomed, the wind was howling as if a wolf was yelling at the moon. Out amidst this storm a stranger in cased in the black of night, held a white blanket gently, almost cradling it. The stranger rolled their hand and a basket appeared. She (the stranger) had been observing the neighborhood all day and finally put down the basket and gently laid the wad of a blanket down and slipped in a piece of paper in with it.

A knock at the door. The lady by the fireplace opened the door to see a baby girl no older than one at her door step. “William darling look here,” the auburn haired blue-eyed baby looked up and smiled. “What’s this,” Sara Unknown said curiously, picking up the paper. The note read:

*Dear Mrs. and Mr. Unknown,*

*I have studied your behavior and decided that you are suited to care for my daughter. I am no longer capable of taking care of her at our home, for you see it is in grave danger for females with our talent to become how do I say this, extinct. Take care of my Emmery raise her as your own.*

*Kind Regards, Elly*

“We have to William please we can’t let her die.” Sara said.

“Of course dear.” William replied in a hush voice for Emmery had fallen asleep.

*12 years later...*

“Alright everyone today is the mile I expect the best from all of you.” He looked me in the eye, almost disappointed. Why I thought grimly it’s not my fault I can run to starbucks grab a frappe and come back in less than five minutes. This time I brought extra money maybe that’ll make Mr.Newman happy. I thought wishfully. “Runners ready,” I got into position, “Runners set.” I finished her train of thought when I heard. “GO” I raced
around the track, STOP slow down just slow down, I commanded herself. I kept going though faster and faster. Why not grab a frappe I thought, then went to grab a frappe and came back.

“Hello Ms. Unknown, I would like to recruit you for the country cross country team,” said a strict but calm voice. Emmery was shocked. “Your parents said it was okay, as long you were okay with it.”

“Yeah absolutely,” responded I jaw opened, “Wanna a frappe.” and with that I was husked away to a plane, but not without a final smirk, to Mr. Newman.

I was there, the most talented of them all. It was qualification day and with no doubt, when I heard the sound of the horn and the eccentric yelling of GO.

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**The Weird Day**

By Kumba Jagne, Grade 6

I was at my cousin’s house my feet dug into the warm carpet behind the small but cozy living room. My aunt had recently birthed a lovely child and she was at the moment holding her up so I could see her. I reached out to hold her then I saw her face. Or two faces I might say. The baby was two headed, one head like an orange and one round, wrinkled, and dark brown like a dumpling. I tried my best to hold in my gasp.

“I need a breath of fresh air” I said hurriedly than ran to the door and opened it. I opened the door and about to step out into the fresh air when I heard a noise. It was a toddler wearing the cutest onesie

“Hello” I said to the cute toddler.

“Hi-ya” the small child kicked me in the face then there was black.

I don’t remember what happened after my recovery but I do remember standing in front of a mall with a red carpet rolled out in front of it even though it was a stormy day like many in Seattle. I held a small cage encased with a large eagle. The eagle was loud and banged against the cage, I ignored it and so did the people around me. I was standing with my friend and we talked for I don’t even know how long. Her mom was standing above us on her phone tapping her foot. Even though I had recently fainted my mother or any supervisor was not here with me and I knew my friend’s mom was not here for me by the way she pulled my bff away from me.

“Bye Kumba” my friend called to me as she was pulled away and engulfed into the crowd of people.

I was now in my house in the master bedroom talking to my mom who was lying down on the bed with a huge bulletin board hung above the bed. Despite the size of the bulletin board and the endless hours that I spend in the master I hadn’t noticed it before. I stood straight backed squished in between the crib and my mom's ancient bed still holding the small cage with the big eagle.

“Do you see this bulletin board!” my mom screamed “I have so much work to do”

“Then why are you lying here on your phone screaming nonsense at me” I thought but did not dare say.

I walked out of the room and set the eagle beside the bed and I could feel my mom’s eyes following me out of the room. When I reached the bottom of my staircase I tried to go outside. I was becoming scared my mom never acts this violent and that bulletin board came out of nowhere. When I went to open the door the lock was gone and in its place was a hole. The door wouldn't budge. I ran to go too the back door and hoped it was in use when my cousin came tumbling down the stairs.

“Are you okay.” I asked alarmed when I realized I was talking to a baby. My eight year old cousin had just turned into a new born baby in two seconds

“AAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH” I screamed as I frantically ran to the backyard door. Then a wave of horror rushed over me because my foot was stuck to the cold hardwood floor. “HELP ME’ help me, help me, help me.” my voice slowly faded away and I woke up in my cozy bed

“Thank goodness it was a dream” I said and pulled myself back to sleep
SURVEYS

WHO IS THE BEST? NINJA VS. PIRATES

By Logan Adcock, Grade 6

An old tale of two clans. The Ninjas...or the Pirates? Who knows but this is a battle of the years of an old tale...so let's get ready to rumble!

Quickest and Quietest is the only Ninjas. “Ninjas was a covert agent in feudal Japanese times who specialized in unorthodox warfare including espionage, sabotage, infiltration, and assassination. Compared to the samurai who were very upfront and honorable with their tactics, the ninja proved a stark contrast.”-Ninja History. So onto the weapons! First is the throwing star. The throwing star is really good for getting enemies far away and and trap them with the star’s sharp points. Next is the Katana. The Katana is a sharp blade for sword fighting enemies and for protection.

Clean the booty mats because the argh Pirates are here. “A pirate is a person who commits warlike acts at sea without the authorization of any nation.”-Wiki. WHY ARE WE STEALING INFO?!!?? To the Pirate’s weapons. I DIDN’T KNOW!!! First is the Flintlock. The gunpowder pistol of Pirates. It shoots bullets shaped like a ball to do ship damage and people. Next is a Pirate sword. It’s a sword that can cut ropes like nothing including thick rope.

VOTING SESSION. I asked people if they wanted to vote, and they wanted their names in it too.

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WHO IS THE BEST? BATMAN VS. Captain America

By Logan Adcock, Grade 6

Hello, this is your Judge of WHO IS THE BEST. This time its Marvel V.S. DC. We have our first Character. Bruce Wayne lost his parents to a thug in a alley way home then he became the Dark Knight, The Batman. With Batman’s assistant, Alfred, and other gadgets to save Gotham City. So let’s talk about his gadgets. First is the Batarang. The Batarang is a boomerang which sticks to a wall like a shurkin. Second is his Grappling hook. His Grappling hook is his second fastest travel to places to stop villains from escaping. Next is his Utility Belt. His Utility Belt is really important. It holds all of his gadgets(including his pants). Finally his last weapon...His fists. Batman uses his fists or knowledge to stop villains...but mostly his fists.

Now introducing...HEY WATCH THE FOR THE SHIELD!

Steve Rogers was In World War II When They tested a super serum on Steve Rogers and gave him amazing strength and started Captain America. But when Cap was trying to stop a rocket going to America he exploded the rocket and fell into an ocean and froze. But tons of years later he was the leader of the Avengers. So his gadgets. We have the star shield. It’s Cap’s shield the shield is almost impossible to destroy unless with a rare alien ore.

So, it’s time for voting session. I asked a few people for a review. I asked these people if they wanted their name in, too.

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I tallied the votes...The winner is Batman by four people.

**SURVEYS**

**A SCHOOL SURVEY**
By Ava Koh and Juha Kim, Grade 6

**What do you like most about Skyview?**
Joonjoo: I like the food, the clubs, and I really like orchestra!
Katie: I like the classrooms and I like the food here (so much better than elementary).
Alan: What I like the most about Skyview is that we get to leave school earlier.
Hannah: Multiple classes, so I get to see different people in every class.

**What is your favorite thing to do during school breaks?**
Lizzy: I like to go to the gym to play volleyball and badminton with my friends.
Addison: I like to go to the library to either read a book or do homework. I also like to just look at the books.
Rhea: I like to talk to my friends and wander with them around the school
Hanna and Chloe: Go to the band room.

**What is your favorite subject at school?**
Johana: I like English because it is a fun class.
Ava: I like way too many to have a favorite!
Juha: I like math because math is fun and not boring.
Rhea: I like Drama the most because it’s fun!
Hanna and Chloe: Band
**Comics**

**Is that... SPIT?**

**Band People & Orchestra People**

**STILL FRIENDS!**

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**The First Day of School**

1. **Here's my locker!** It's locker number 669.
2. **It still won't open!**
3. **Carrots does not know that it is the wrong locker.**
4. **On carrots's first try, the locker opens.**
5. **After many tries...**
6. **Hello! Sorry I'm late!**
7. **Carrots checks his schedule.**
8. **Carrots is 30 minutes late because he could not find his class.**
9. **A few hours later at the end of the day...**
10. **30 minutes later...**

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**Credits:**

- Michell Onwug Grade 6
- By Sarah Chang
ENDANGERED TIGERS
By Rhea Tewari, 6th grade

Tigers...tigers are precious animals that roam the rainforests, grasslands, savannas and mangrove swamps. But sadly there are only 3,890 left in the world.

Poachers
Poachers are people who illegally hunt animals and poachers are part of the reason there are so many tigers who pass away. Poachers target tigers to make traditional medicines, get their skin, and make tiger bone wine. The way some poachers kidnap and sadly kill tigers is by laying down steel traps, then once the animal is caught in the trap it struggles to attempt to escape out of the trap overnight it gets exhausted and then with one simple blow with a heavy stick is enough to let the animal, again sadly die.

How You Can Help
There are many ways you can help out these majestic tigers, you can start by telling your parents not to buy any real tiger fur, clothing, and other tiger skins. You can also spread the word about not buying tiger products. The very last way is to go online (with your parents permission) and search up any reliable websites that help endangered tigers and see more ways to help out.

Interesting Facts!
- Subspecies of the tiger are the Sumatran Tiger, Siberian Tiger, Bengal Tiger, South China Tiger, Malayan Tiger and Indochinese Tiger.
- The tiger is the biggest species of the cat family.
- Tiger cubs leave their moms when they are around 2 years of age.
- A group of tigers are called an “ambush” or a “streak”.
- Tigers that breed with lions give birth to hybrids known as tigons and ligers.