

Cloverbuddies

A 4-H exploration activity series
for Cloverbud members



December 2018

Project Exploration: Visual Arts & Communication Arts



Dough Ornaments

There are all sorts of crafty projects you can explore in the 4-H Visual Arts projects. Let's try our hand at making some festive winter ornaments! Using the recipe below (and an adult's help), see how many salt dough ornaments you can make. How will you decorate them? The possibilities are endless!

Materials

- * 2 cups flour
- * 1/2 cup table salt
- * 3/4 cup water
- * 1-2 drops food coloring (optional)
- * Oven
- * Rolling pin
- * Cookie cutters or toothpicks
- * Craft paint & paintbrush (optional)
- * Ribbon or yarn



Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350° (have an adult help with this step).
2. Mix flour, salt, water and food coloring (if desired) in a mixing bowl using a large spoon until well combined.
3. Remove dough from bowl and roll out on a lightly floured surface or parchment paper.
4. Using cookie cutters or toothpicks, cut out desired shapes and designs into dough. Continue re-shaping and re-rolling dough until all is used. Don't forget to cut a hole in the top for your ribbon!
5. Transfer shapes to baking sheet and bake for 30 minutes (have an adult help you with this step).
6. Allow ornaments to completely cool; then, decorate with paints or whatever you find around the house. String a piece of yarn or ribbon through the top hole for hanging.

Sign Language

Have you ever seen anyone talk with their hands or use a lot of gestures when they talked? They may have been using sign language, which is a way to communicate without having to speak. Not a lot of people are fluent in sign language, but let's "try our hand" at it! Follow the "handout" below to learn the 4-H pledge in sign language.



THE 4-H PLEDGE

I P L E D G E

M Y H E A D T O C L E A R E R T H I N K I N G

M Y H E A R T T O G R E A T E R L O Y A L T Y

M Y H A N D S T O L A R G E R S E R V I C E

M Y H E A L T H T O B E T T E R L I V I N G

F O R M Y C L U B M Y C O M M U N I T Y

M Y C O U N T R Y A N D M Y W O R L D

One way people often communicate is through writing. Texting, journaling and typing are all different ways to write. Read through the beginning of the story below. Using the following lines, finish the story however you want. Get creative! Use your imagination! When you are done, share your story with someone else.



This Saturday started out like any other. You are in your living room at home, going about your usual routines when your parent sends you up to your room. You don't want to go to your room, but you stomp up the stairs and crawl in to bed. As you lay your head down, you notice a strange box sitting at the foot of the bed. It is all wrapped up, and when you go to open it, inside is a....

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Color By Number

Color by number activities are a great way to practice your communication skills and your art skills! It's important that you read carefully to figure out what is being communicated to you so you know what colors to put where. Color in the winter picture below by following the Color Guide. Did you get all the colors right?

Color Guide

1 = Orange

2 = Green

3 = Red

4 = Blue

5 = Black

6 = Yellow

7 = Purple



Find-a-Word

"Communication" is a big word that means how we talk to each other. This talking doesn't always have to be through speaking - writing, signing, directing and demonstrating are all different ways to communicate to another person. Can you find all of the communication words in the Word Bank in the puzzle below?



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C	P	U	Z	L	G	X	U	E	S	S	T	A	L	K
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Word Bank

communication
direction
language

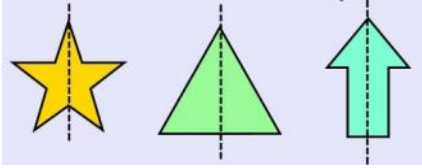
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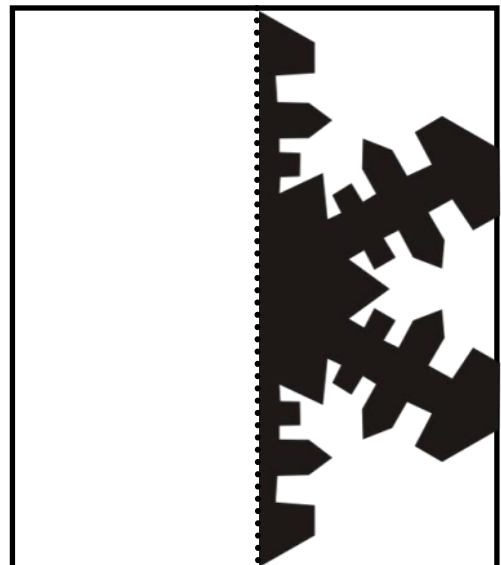
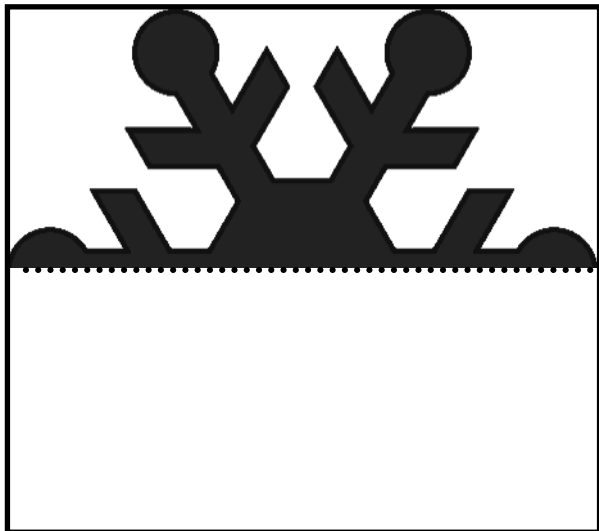
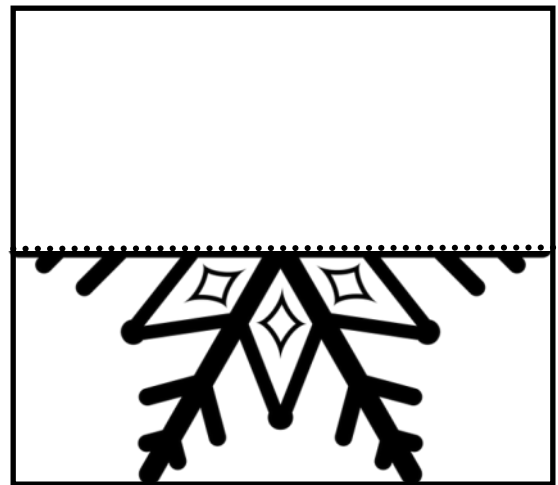
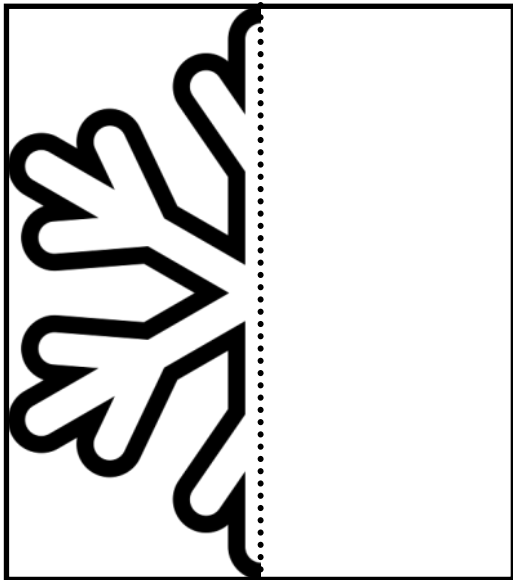
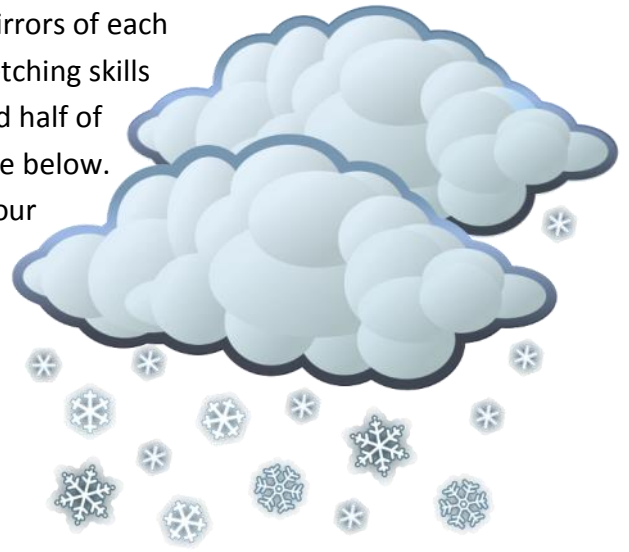
talk
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write

Snowflake Symmetry

Examples of "Symmetry":



Did you know that individual snowflakes are all unique? Every one that falls is slightly different. Did you also know that they are symmetrical? That means that if you cut a snowflake in half, each half are perfect mirrors of each other. Practice your sketching skills by drawing the mirrored half of each different snowflake below. How symmetrical are your snowflakes?



November Answer Keys

Answers to all *Cloverbuddies* activities will appear on the back cover of the following month's issue. For answers to this issue, watch for January's installment of *Cloverbuddies*!

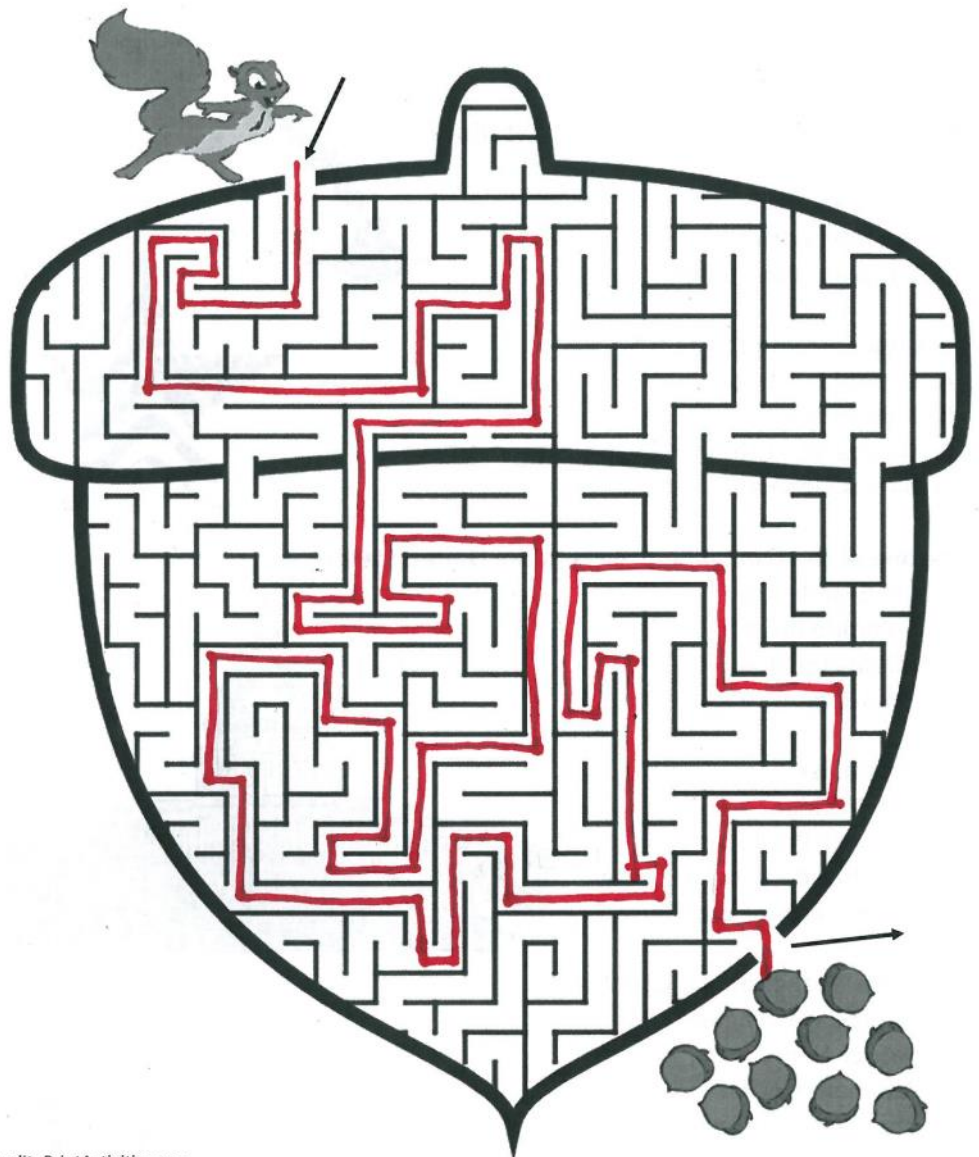
Who Am I?

G E O R G E
Washington

Help Me!

Test Yourself

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. A



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