

# CLOVERBUDDIES

**A 4-H EXPLORATION ACTIVITY SERIES FOR  
CLOVERBUD MEMBERS**



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**PROJECT EXPLORATION:**


**VISUAL &  
COMMUNICATION ARTS**










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.

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Have you ever seen the words “hearing” and “listening”? They may seem like the same thing, but they are different. Hearing is using one of your five senses to pick up sounds. Listening is when you think about those sounds and understand what someone is saying. An important part of being a good communicator is not just being able to hear, but to be able to listen. Try the exercise below to see how well you listen!

## **WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

- A red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, and black coloring utensil.

## **WHAT TO DO:**

- Have someone read you each direction below about The Shopping Trip.
- Follow the directions by listening to what the person is telling you do.
- Check your picture and see how you did!

## **THE SNOWPERSON BUILD**

1. Color the large tree, and small tree, in the background **GREEN**.
2. Color the snowperson's nose **ORANGE**, scarf **RED**, and hat **BLACK**.
3. Color the pom of the hat on the taller child **PURPLE**, and the rest of the hat **BLUE**.
4. Color the pants on both children **BLACK**, color the stripe on the smaller child's pants **GREEN**, and then color both children's boots **BLUE**.
5. On the shorter child, color their hat **PURPLE**, and mittens **BLUE**.
6. On the shorter child, color their jacket **PINK** and their scarf **ORANGE**.
7. On the taller child, color their mittens **YELLOW**, and their belt **BLACK**, and their jacket **ORANGE**.
8. Color the scarf on the taller child **RED**.
9. Color both children's hair **BROWN**.
10. Color the stem of the trees, and the snowperson's stick arms **BROWN**.
11. Color the snowperson's eyes and smile **BLACK**.
12. In the upper right hand corner write which month it is.

# SPEAK OUT

Why give a speech? Learning to communicate and speak in front of people are important life skills that you can learn in 4-H. Did you know that speaking face-to-face is one of the oldest forms of communication? It is also the most effective. Speaking in front of others is a warm, personal way of communicating. Let's practice our speech writing skills together!



## PARTS OF A SPEECH:

### AN INTRODUCTION...

- Gets attention
- Shares main idea



### A BODY...

- Supports the main idea
- Is interesting and organized



### A CONCLUSION...

- Restates the main idea
- Wraps up the speech

- 1.** Pick a topic for your speech. It can be anything - cars, cookies, or even frogs!  
My topic is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.** Work with a teen or adult leader to write a speech on your topic.  
The name of my speech is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.** Practice, practice, practice! The more you practice, the less nervous you'll be.  
I practiced my speech \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- 4.** Present your speech. Start somewhere small, like in front of your family or club.  
I think my speech went \_\_\_\_\_.

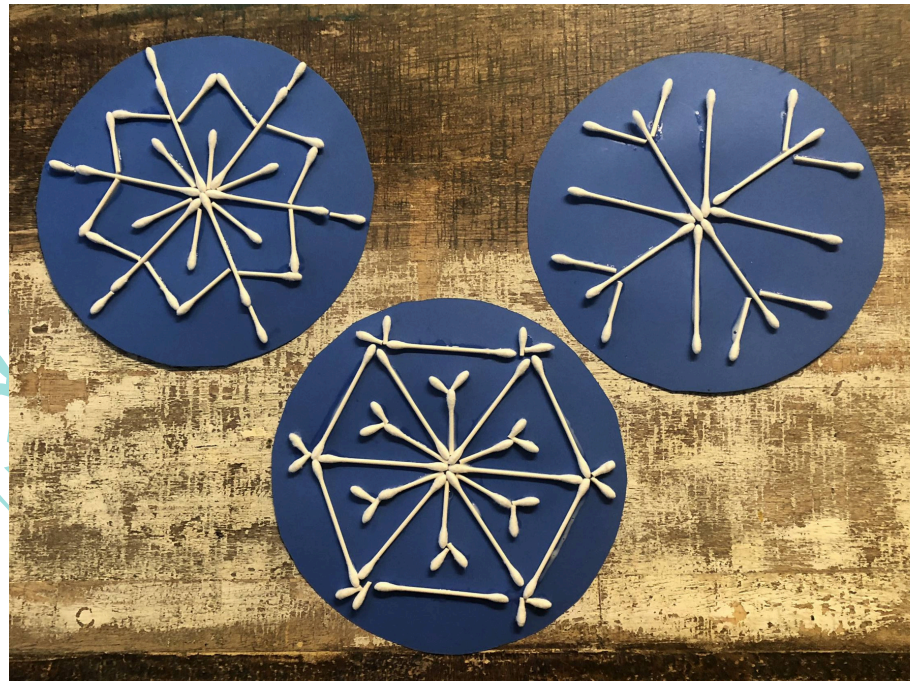


# SYMMETRICAL SNOWFLAKES

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 skills by creating symmetrical snowflakes below!

## MATERIALS:

- **Blue construction paper**
- **Glue**
- **Scissors**
- **Q-tips**

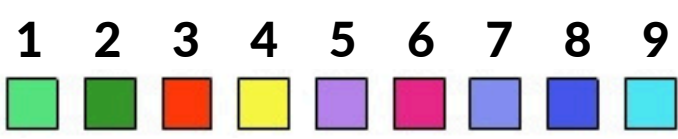
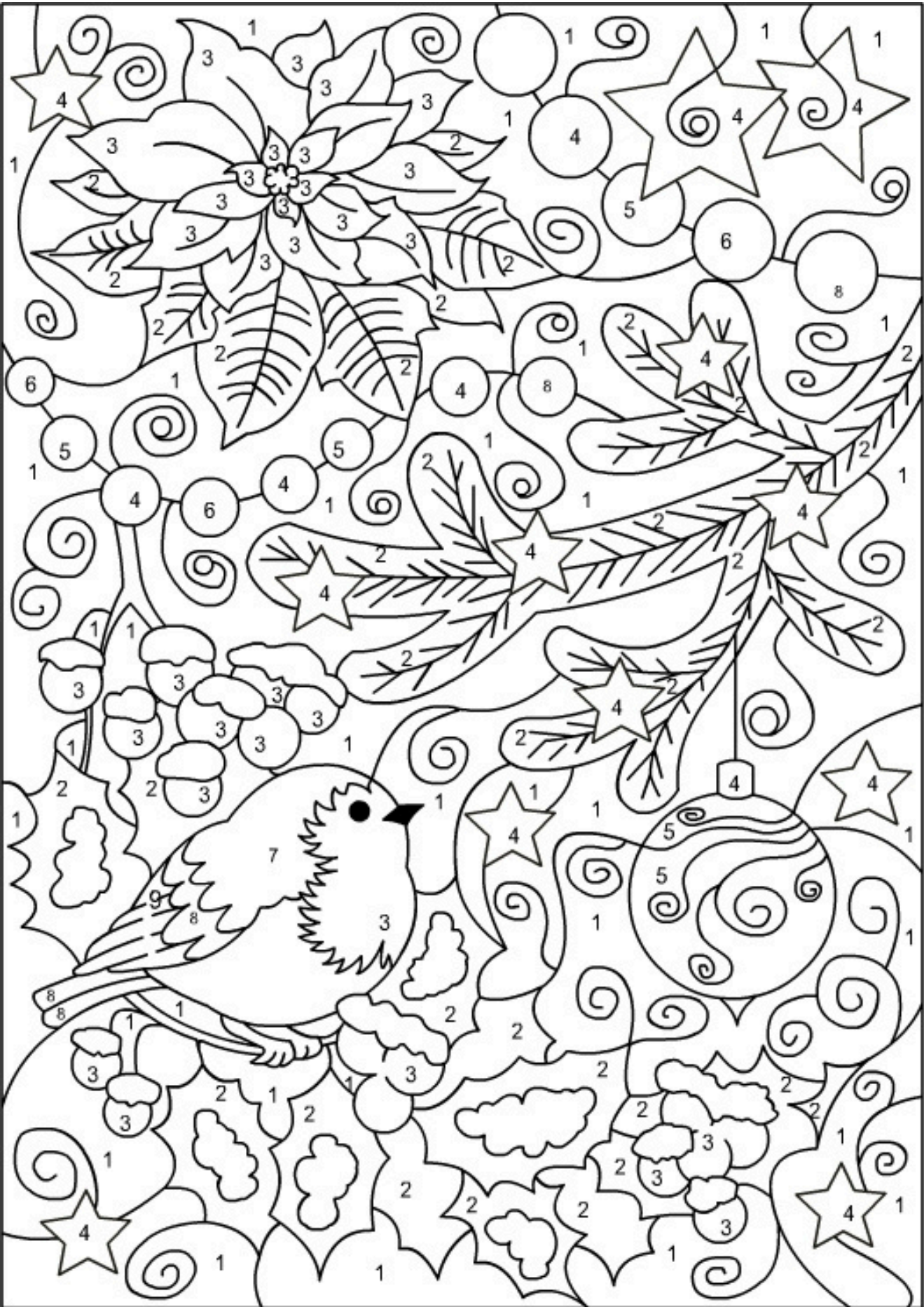


## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Cut circles out of the blue construction paper.**
- 2. Design your snowflake by breaking/cutting your Q-tips into various sizes to give your snowflake a more intricate design.**
- 3. While designing see if you can make your snowflake symmetrical.**
- 4. Once you have your Q-tips where you want them, you can glue them into place.**

# 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 Chart. Did you get all the colors right?





# 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 next month's installment of Cloverbuddies!

## CITIZENSHIP TEST

1. What are the first 3 words of the Constitution?  
C. We the People
2. Who is our current president?  
C. Joe Biden
3. What are the first 3 words of the Constitution?  
D. We the People
4. Where is the Statue of Liberty?  
B. New York Harbor
5. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?  
A. For the 13 original colonies
6. Who signs bills to become law?  
B. The President
7. Why does the flag have 50 stars?  
A. For the 50 original states



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