

Christmas activity ideas

1.Fake Snow – Mix baking powder with hair conditioner until you have the desired consistency then have fun playing in the snow.

2.Green handprint wreath – Print several handprints onto paper using green paint. Allow to dry and cut out. Stick onto a cardboard wreath and add a lovely red bow.

3.No bake clay Santa decorations – Mix 1 part pva glue with 2 parts cornflour. Mix and then knead out any lumps. Roll out and stamp a handprint in the middle. Cut around the hand leaving a border. Poke a hole through the top and allow to dry overnight. Then paint and draw on your outline. Hang with ribbon.

4.Footprint Reindeer Cards – Using brown paint stamp a footprint onto the front of a plain card. Allow to dry then draw on antlers. Stick on some googly eyes and a red Pom-Pom nose.

5.Paper chains – Cut strips of coloured paper all at the same width then using glue or double sided tape stick them together to create a chain.

6.Write a letter to Santa – This is a great activity to help children develop their writing skills with an element of fun and excitement. Also check online as various places provide addresses for you to send your letters and get a response from Santa.

7.Read a Christmas Story – All children love a Christmas story. Why not create a collection and read a Christmas story every night from December 1st to December 24th.

8.Visit Santa – Visiting Santa is a lovely way to enjoy Christmas. Don't forget to take pictures with Santa and one with the elves. They make great memories and you could even use them as Christmas cards for family.

9.Sing Carols with instruments – Have a music packed morning/ afternoon singing carols with different instruments. Example: Jingle Bells whilst ringing bells.

10.Watch a Christmas movie – There is nothing quite like the magic of a Christmas movie. So get some popcorn and snuggle down. Don't forget blankets to make it extra warm and cosy.

11.Do some Christmas Colouring – A nice chilled and quiet activity. There are some great pictures you can print online of Christmas things, or draw and colour your own.

12.Christmas fun bath – Tint bathwater with bath paint or food colouring. Blow up small coloured balloons for baubles and add glow sticks for the lights.

13. Winter walk to see the lights – At Christmas time there are lots of lights to be seen. But check out your local paper as some roads will often all decorate their houses to raise money for charity. Children will love seeing all the magically lit houses.

14. Make Christmas tree decorations – A yearly tradition that everyone can get involved in. Sit and make decorations for the tree. This is something you can do year on year. It will be lovely to see what the children come up with each year.

15. Decorate your own Christmas jumper – This is a really fun activity and kids will love decorating their own jumper to wear on Christmas Day.

16. Make an angel for the tree – You can use all manner of craft materials for this. But the old wooden pegs work really well as the main body.

17. Pine cone Christmas trees – Go for a walk and collect some pine cones. When you get home you can sit and paint them to look like trees. For younger toddlers you can put the paint and cone into a freezer bag and they can shake them up to cover the cones. This is also a lot less messy. Once dry make them into a lovely Christmas scene or Christmas tree farm.

18. Snowflakes for the windows – This super easy activity is full of joy and excitement. Fold paper in half, then again and again. Ensuring you don't cut all the way down your folded sides cut out chunks of paper. Then unfold and stick to windows.

19. Felt Christmas tree – Cut a Christmas tree shape out of green felt and glue a star to the top and pot to the bottom. Then cut circles from different coloured felts and let children decorate it. They can do this time and time again or once finished you can stick the felt down and hang somewhere for all to see.

20. Snow globe Sensory jar – Using an old jar glue some wintery characters and scenery to the inside of the lid with waterproof glue. Allow to dry. Once dry put some glitter into the jar with a little glycerin and top up with cool boiled water. Add some more waterproof glue to the top and place the lid on sealing it shut with your wintery scene currently upside down. Once you have allowed to dry turn the right way up and watch the glitter snow down.

21. Make white Pom-poms and thread them onto cotton. Then hang like snow.

22. Bake gingerbread men to eat with hot chocolate – One those cold wintery days it's nice to stay in with some warm comforts. Either bake from scratch or get ready made gingerbread and bake. Decorate and enjoy with hot chocolate.

23. Make magic reindeer food – One Christmas Eve eve it's good to make some magic reindeer food for Rudolph. Mix porridge oats with glitter and sequins. Then put it in the fridge ready to leave out on Christmas Eve.

24. Candy Cane Hunt – Because preparation on Christmas Eve can be key to getting everything done keep excited children occupied by sending them on a candy cane hunt around the house. Tell them how many there are to find so that it helps with their counting skills too. Leaving you with some time to get things ready for the big day.

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## **Fake Snow Recipe**

**1/2 cup Hair Conditioner**

**1 cup Baking Powder**

**How to: Tip your baking powder into a bowl and pour in your conditioner. Mix with a spoon and then tip onto your desired surface.**

**Make it extra festive by adding some glitter.**