

Christmas Early Years Activity Mats



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The mats in this file can easily be used with playdough, although I am planning on giving them a try with 'frozen shaving foam' (I've found a recipe that calls for a can of shaving foam to be mixed with a box of cornstarch, and then frozen)....we'll see how that goes!

These mats can be completed quite easily, although they can also be used to extend children who need more challenge (e.g., have a child who is able to do so, make playdough 'blocks' to make his igloo, instead of just mounding playdough together to make an igloo).

For the non-colour igloo mat, I had my children create an igloo using sugar cubes. The base outline is there for you. We put glue along the outline, then let the children add the sugar cubes. For the next layer, you will need to add another line of glue on top of the sugar cubes, and then continue to stack the cubes. This project lasted a couple of days, as we left the igloo to dry after 2-3 layers. You could also have the children colour in the mat, although I'd recommend that any colouring happen before you try to build the igloo!

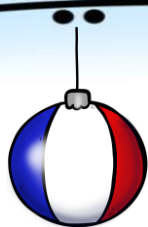
For children who are able to do so, playdough 'snakes' can be rolled out and put into the outline of the words to spell out the main Christmas word for each playdough mat.



Make a fluffy beard for
Santa.

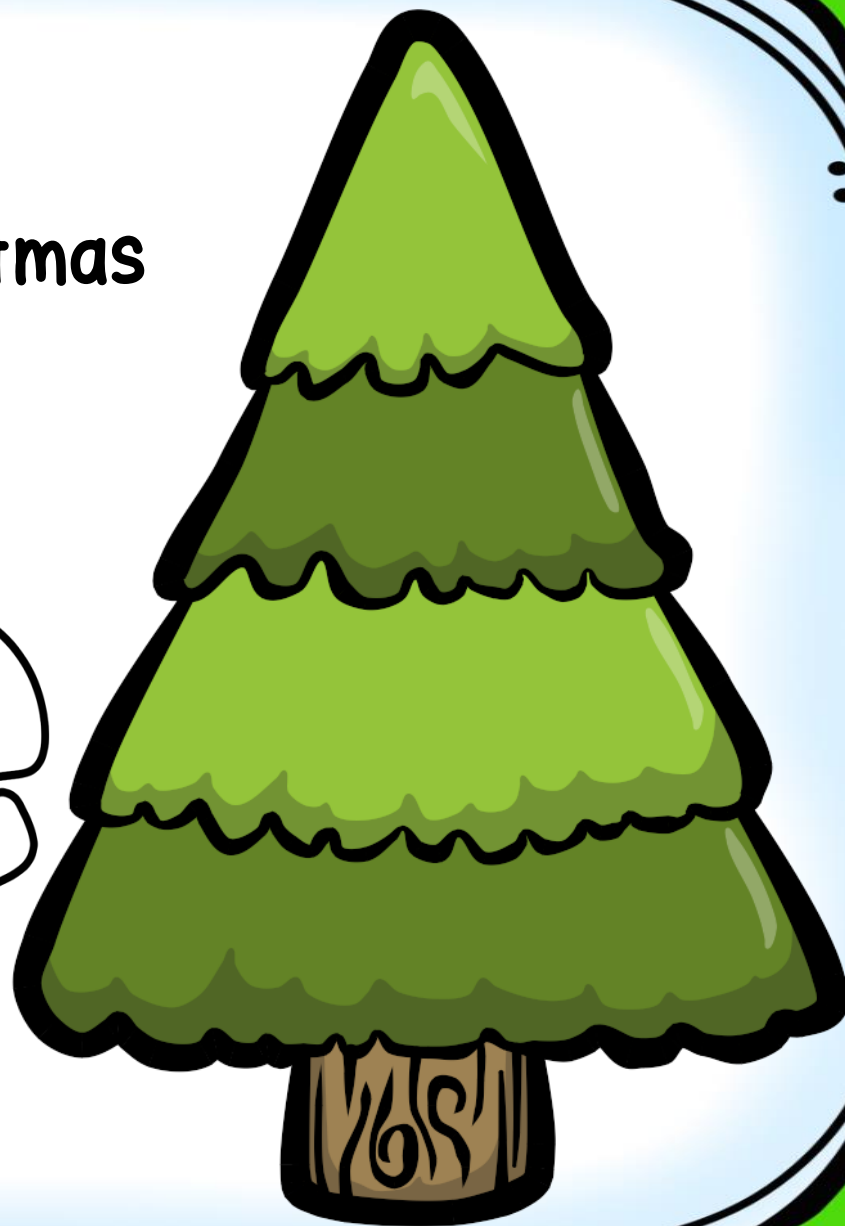


Santa



Put **baubles** on the Christmas
tree.

tree





Put **SNOW** on the Christmas tree.

tree



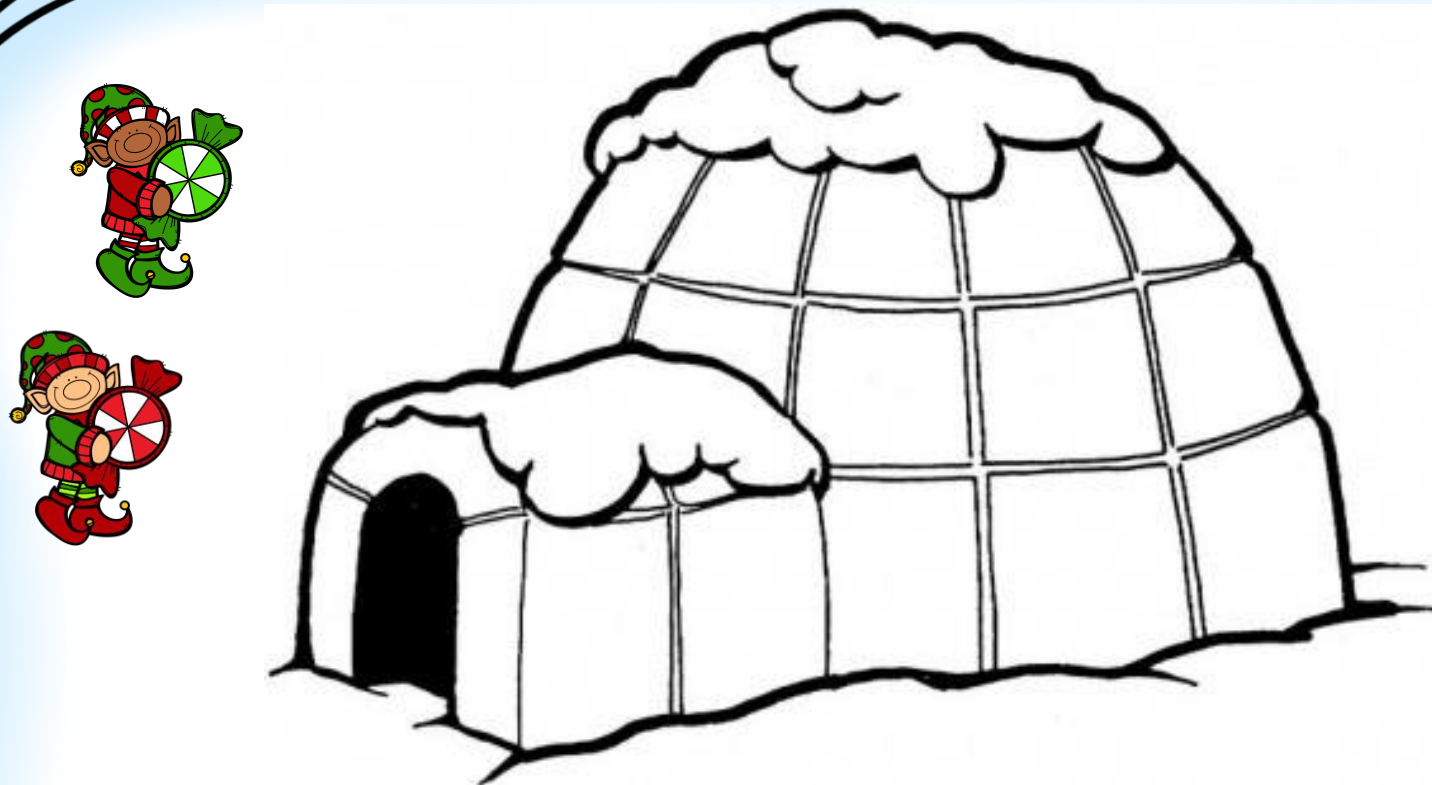
Give the elf a 3D sweetie.

elf





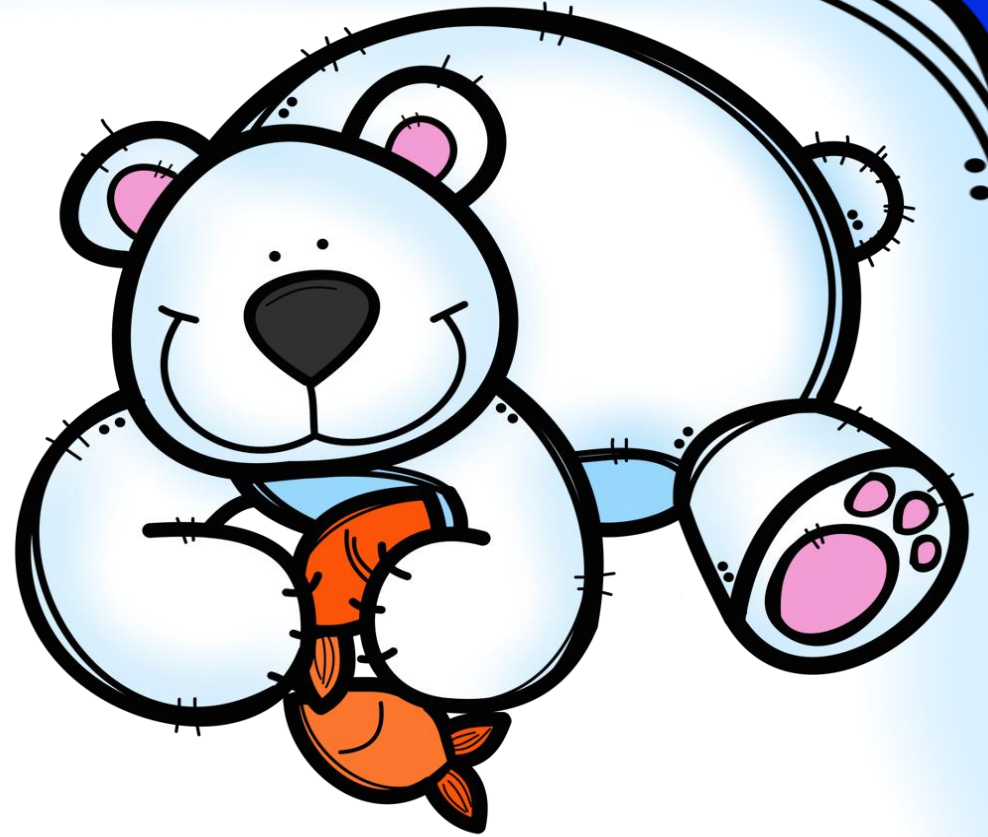
Put 3D antlers on the reindeer.



Build a 3D igloo for Santa's elves.

igloo

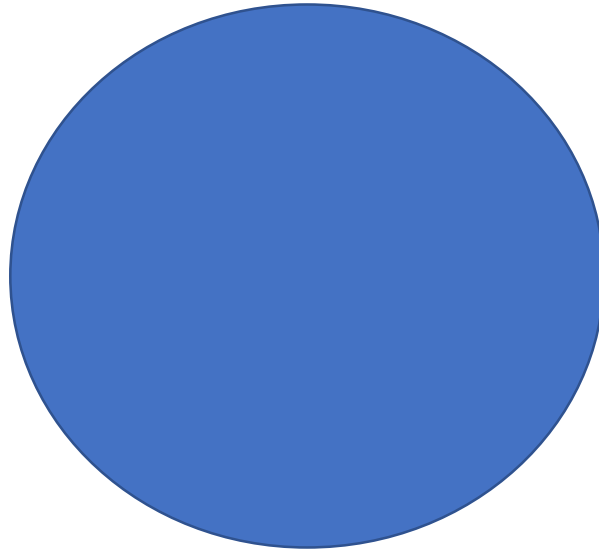
ice



Make an ice floe for the polar bear.

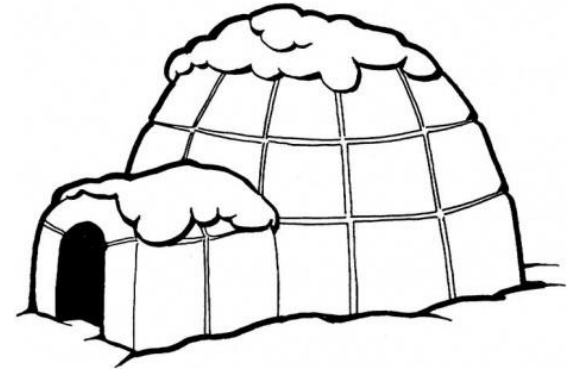
Build a snowman. You will need 2 spheres:

- **Big** sphere: snowman's body
- small sphere: snowman's head



snowman

Build an igloo for Santa's elves.



igloo



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