

A Christmas Carol- Snowflakes

Pre-Show Activity, All Grades

Objectives

- *Students will create traditional Victorian-style paper snowflakes and holly decorations.*
- *Students will develop fine motor skills through cutting and assembling craft materials.*
- *Students will explore historical holiday decoration practices through hands-on creativity.*

Materials Needed

- White paper
- Green construction paper
- Red pom-poms, stickers, or red paper circles
- Scissors
- Glue
- String or yarn (optional)
- How-to videos (optional)

Introduction

- Explain that Victorian homes often featured handmade paper decorations during the holiday season.
- Introduce the craft steps for making paper snowflakes and holly decorations as a way to connect with Victorian traditions.

Make Snowflakes

- Take a square piece of white paper.
- Fold it in half diagonally to form a triangle.
- Fold the triangle in half again.
- Cut small shapes (triangles, squares, circles) along the edges of the folded paper.
- Carefully unfold your paper to reveal a snowflake!

Make Holly Leaves and Berries

- Draw simple holly leaf shapes on green construction paper (pointy ovals or teardrops).
- Cut out the leaves carefully with scissors.
- Use red pom-poms, stickers, or cut small red circles from paper.
- Glue 2 or 3 berries onto each holly leaf.

Assemble and Reflect

- Option 1: Glue snowflakes and holly leaves onto a large piece of paper to make a holiday picture.
- Option 2: Attach snowflakes and holly leaves to string or yarn to create a festive garland
- Discuss how handmade decorations were important in Victorian times for holiday celebrations.
- Encourage students to share their creations and talk about how making decorations can bring people together.

Video Resources

If you would like to follow along with a how-to video guide for your snowflakes, here are a few options:

[Video 1](#) - large 3D snowflakes

[Video 2](#) - easy snowflakes (great for elementary!)

[Video 3](#) - regular size snowflakes (slightly more advanced)

