Sculpt a Snow Show

Is it snowing where you live? Then head outside and create some sculptures of your own. It'll be SNOW much fun to turn your yard into a winter wonderland! Here are a few designs to get you started.

What You Need

- snow (Slightly wet snow is the easiest to work with.)
- sculpting tools such as shovels,
 ice scrapers, and spoons
- twigs, pine cones, pebbles, seedpods, pine needles, icicles, and other natural objects for decoration
- yellow food coloring (for the owl's eyes)
- spray bottle filled with water (optional)



SNOWSHOE HARE

- **1.** Mound a pile of snow into a large football shape for the hare's body. Add a snowball head on top and a small snowball tail.
- 2. Shape long snow ears with your hands, and then set them on the hare's head. Add a bit more snow around the base of the ears and pat down to "glue" them in place. (Or use large icicles instead of snow, if you have them.)
- **3.** Add natural objects for decorations such as a pebble nose, seedpods or pebbles for eyes, and pine-needle whiskers.
- **4.** Carve lines on the hare's body to create a furry texture, as shown.

rip: If the
snow is too dry
or powdery to work
with, don't have a meltdown! Just spray it with
some water as you work.
This should make the
snow easier to
handle.

SNOWY OWL

- 1. For the owl's body, pack some snow into a tall oval shape. Arrange a snowball on top to form the head, then carefully press it in place.
- 2. Carve a groove, as shown, on each side of the owl's body to create wings. Break some twigs into tiny pieces and press them onto the owl's body to make a feather pattern, as shown.
 - **3.** For the owl's eyes, fill a small bowl with snow and stir in a few drops of yellow food coloring. Form two flat circles with your hands, then press them onto the owl's face.
 - **4.** Add natural decorations such as a small pine-cone beak, twig talons, and pebble pupils.

TIP: Once
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lightly with water so
lightly with freeze and
last longer.



Pile three large snowballs on top of one another. Fill the gaps between the snowballs with more snow and smooth out until the stack becomes a sturdy pillar. Set another large snowball on top. Gently scoop out some snow to form a shallowbowl. Fill with birdseed.

SHOW US!

We want to see your snowy creations! Send your photos to Ranger Rick
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