



Snowflake in the Sky

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Art Cards by Kids is an exciting fundraising opportunity for elementary schools across North America. This high-profit artwork fundraiser brings creativity into the classroom in a fun, educational, and rewarding way for students, families, and teachers alike.

We created these step-by-step instructions and videos to help teachers in the classroom guide students in creating amazing artwork for the fundraiser. Videos can easily be projected or displayed in the classroom for students to watch with guidance from their teacher. Please make sure your school has registered already and you have received our specially sized custom art sheets from the coordinator at your school before starting. Happy artistry!

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Description:

Learn how to fold and cut out a beautiful unique symmetrical snowflake and create a dreamy winter scene with snow falling on a deep blue background.

Materials Needed:

- Acrylic paint in white, dark blue, light blue, purple
- Large and medium paint brushes
- Black felt pen
- One piece of plain white letter size paper (8.5x11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paper towel
- Water

Difficulty Level: Grade 4-5

See the corresponding step-by-step video to these instructions on our website under the same title.

F-040 **Snowflake in the Sky** Art Project Instructions:

1. Prepare Your Art Sheet Paper

- a. Place your Art Cards by Kids Art Sheet upright on the table with the vertical arrows on the left side facing up.
- b. Gather your supplies.

2. Write your name

- a. At the top, write your name, teacher's name, age, and grade in big, bold letters using a marker or pen—no pencil! Set aside.

3. Fold Your Paper

- a. Take your letter paper, turn it so that a short edge is facing you, and fold the bottom right corner up to align the bottom edge with the left side long edge to make a triangle, and press down the fold.
- b. Cut off the extra paper strip on top. Your result is a square folded in half diagonally, a *right angle isosceles* triangle.

4. Fold It Again

- a. Turn your triangle so the folded edge is closest to you.
- b. Fold it again into a smaller triangle by bringing the right corner over to the left, press the fold to make a sharp crease. Your result is another smaller *right angle isosceles* triangle.

5. Make More Folds

- a. Rotate the triangle so that the point is at the top. Fold the right half of your paper (both flaps) into the middle of your triangle, so that the top right edge is now pointing straight down, and the corner makes a tail below. Crease gently.
- b. Flip the paper over so that your most recent fold is face down.
- c. Fold the right side of the triangle over to the left edge, aligning the long edges together. Crease gently.
- d. Look at both sides and adjust the flaps as needed to ensure both sides are equal. When symmetrical, both halves reaching fully across, press down your new creases sharply.
- e. Cut off the 2 extra paper tails at the bottom by allowing one flap to pop open at a time, so you can see the straight bottom edge to cut along in the middle. Your result is an *acute isosceles* triangle.

6. Draw Your Snowflake Pattern

- a. Place your paper triangle so that the point is facing you.
- b. Use your pencil to draw your snowflake design. The design you draw will be half of one arm of the snowflake. Keep in mind that you will be cutting away the excess paper, the inside of the design will remain.

- c. Near the bottom left, along the long edge, draw a semi-circle that reaches to the middle of the triangle, about the size of half a quarter.
- d. Starting on the left edge above your semicircle, draw a curve toward the right edge. Halfway there, come back toward the left edge, and back toward the right in sweeping curve motions to make 3 rounded wave shapes. End the curves at the right edge near the top. Get creative with your shapes! Ending your line at the top right with a descending curve will make a snowflake arm with 2 points, with an ascending line a single point.
- e. On the right edge, near the bottom, draw another semi-circle or two or small curve, inside of your main curved lines.

7. Cut and Unfold

- a. Carefully cut out the snowflake shape along your pencil lines. Don't worry if it's not perfect.
- b. Unfold the snowflake gently, flatten, and set it aside.

8. Paint the Background

- a. Prepare your painting supplies and mix your dark blue paint.
- b. In broad sweeping motions, paint the top half of your paper with dark blue using your big brush, covering the whole area.
- c. Mix light blue and dark blue and paint a section a few inches wide below the dark blue.
- d. Paint the bottom part with light blue. The page should now be fully blue edge to edge.
- e. Use purple paint to make big, random horizontal brushstrokes across the background for additional color depth.

9. Glue Your Snowflake

- a. Once the background is completely dry, use your glue stick to cover the back of your snowflake (the side with traces of pencil marks left over) with glue. Make sure to get the edges well so it sticks.
- b. Press it down on the background. Wipe off any extra glue from the front.

10. Add More Snowflakes

- a. Use white paint and your medium brush to paint small, random snowflakes all over the background.

11. Sign Your Name

- a. Use your black permanent marker to write your name at the bottom of your snowflake.
- b. Don't sign too close to the black border or it will get cut off!

12. Let It Dry

- a. Let the entire painting dry completely before handling or stacking.

Complete!