



Encounter Craft – 16th December This week – Shades of Winter!

Find inspiration in the cool colours of winter –
whites, greys, blues and purples!

Snowman with Shading



This snowman is so effective because light and dark have been used to make him look 3-dimensional. Start by drawing three circles (two for the body and one for the head) onto blue paper using white chalk (soft) pastel. On this picture, the light on the snowman is coming from the left. To get this effect, use a darker coloured pastel (purple or dark blue) to colour the opposite side of the circles. Gradually blend the dark on the right and the white on the left together so they meet in the middle. You can then add any other details you like. Notice that the snowman is casting a

shadow to the right – use your pastels to create this too, and blend, blend, blend!

This is a simple method used for many things which works particularly well for delicate snowflakes! Draw snowflake patterns randomly onto white watercolour paper with a white wax crayon and then use watered-down watercolour paints to create washes over them in wintry colours. The pretty snowflakes appear like magic! Sprinkle salt sparingly over the wet paint and then shake it off when it is dry to add extra detail and pattern.

Wax-resist Snowflakes





Night-time Winter Sky



This is beautiful. You need to choose a space in the top right-hand corner of your paper to work from. Then start with the white moon, and carefully add concentric circles of light blues, through mid-coloured blue circles until you get to purples, so that the final circle is very dark purply black. Leave until it is all completely dry, and



then paint a spikey black silhouetted tree over the top on the left hand-side of the page. The final piece is very atmospheric.

Paper Doily Snowflakes

Doilies are perfect for making snowflakes! First paint them in icy, wintry colours using watery paints and allow to dry. Then fold them in half and half again, and again if you can! You can then snip shapes into them – try different ones out to see what effects you get when you unfold your snowflake!



HAVE FUN!!