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# January Ideas and Patterns

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## Snowman Art and Sentence Building

Make a copy of the snowman and sentence for each student. Have the students' color or sponge paint the snowman. When they have finished, they can cut out the word blocks and arrange them to build the sentence - **A snowman is icy and cold.** After you have checked to ensure that they have built the sentence correctly, the students can glue the sentence on their snowman.

## Student Made Book - "The Snowman"

Copy, cut and staple a book for each student. Have the students read the book to you. Be sure that the students touch-tap each word as they read. Then have the student's color each page and print their name on the back.

## Class Book - "Snowman"

Have each student write their name and a sentence about their snowman on the student page. Use the Snowman Page as a cover and put the student pages together to make a class book. ie. My snowman is wearing red boots, a bandana and a cowboy hat.

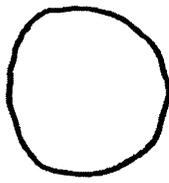


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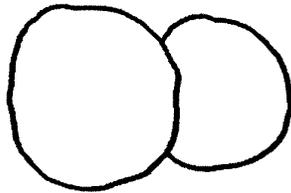
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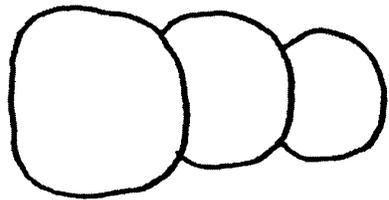
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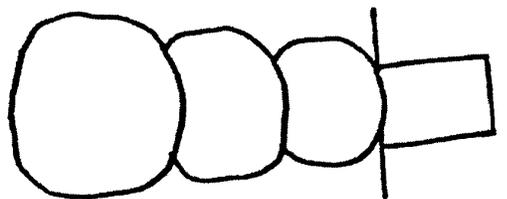
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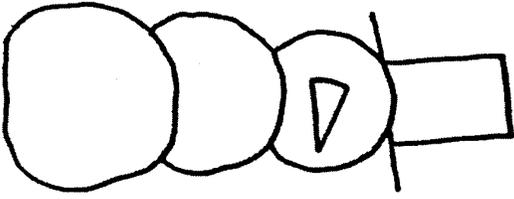
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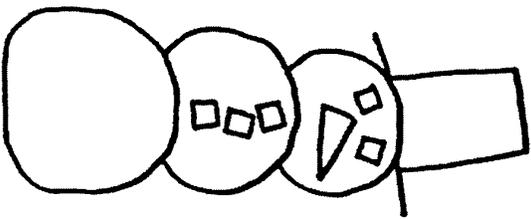
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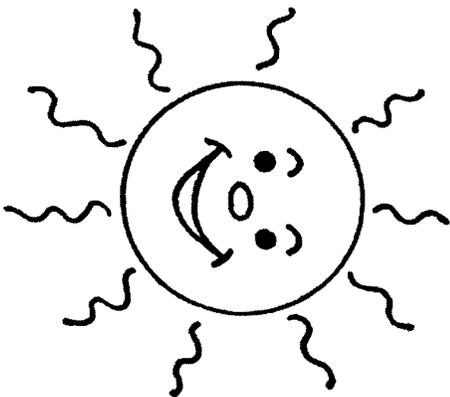
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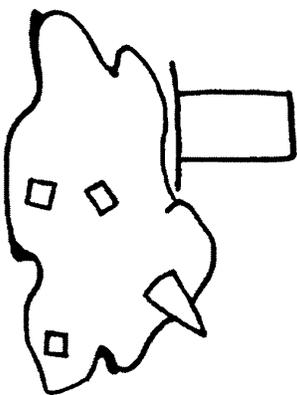
One Triangle.



Five squares.



One sun.



Oh, NO!



by \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**My showman** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Snowman Pattern - may be used in the following ways:

**Writing Page:**

Write about a snowman's adventure or a snowy day, winter words, or a snowman acrostic poem in the snowman frame.

**Math Mat:**

Have students use the snowman frame as a math mat to sort buttons, colored mini-marshmallows, or M&M's on. Create addition or subtraction sentences using buttons as manipulatives and then record the sentences on the snowman frame. Write the numbers 1 through 20 in the snowman frame.

**Class Book Cover:**

The snowman frame makes a wonderful class book or book report cover. Simply write the title in the snowman, copy onto white construction paper, and laminate.

**Poetry or Picture Frames:**

The snowman makes a wonderful frame for just about anything including student poems, photographs or artwork.

**Art:**

Print the snowman on blue construction paper and then color the snowman using white chalk, oil pastels, or paint.

If you plan ahead, ask students to save cleaned and dried egg shells. Crush the egg shells and glue the crushed eggs shells onto the snowman.

Use glitter glue, pompoms, buttons, scrap material, or candy to decorate the snowman.



## January—Science

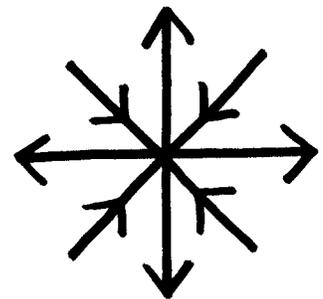
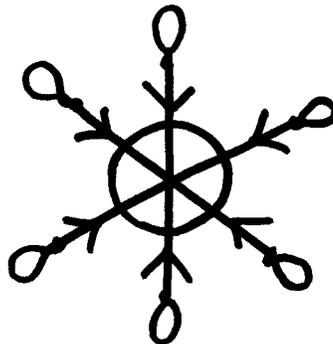
When water freezes it expands and becomes less dense. You can demonstrate this by freezing water that has been mixed with food coloring in an ice cube tray overnight. Fill a large, clear container with hot water. Take one of the colored ice cubes from the tray and carefully float it on the surface of the hot water. As the ice becomes water, the color moves around in the water. It sinks to the bottom of the container. As the ice melts to water its density increases. This makes it sink to the bottom of the container. There it mixes with the water in the jar and warms up. It becomes less dense and moves back toward the surface.

Ask the children to predict what will melt ice the fastest - salt or water or both. Place ice cubes in three pie tins. One pie tin that has salt in it. One pie tin that has water in it. And one pie tin that has both water and salt in it. Make a chart for the children's predictions and for the outcomes of their experiment.

Suspend an ice cube in a glass of water. Have the children take a piece of string, lay it across the ice and try to pick up the ice with the string. They won't be able to do this. Tell them to lay the piece of string on the ice again and have them sprinkle a pinch of salt over the string. Count to 10 and lift the string. Magic...it sticks! Salt temporarily lowers the freezing temperature, when it rises again the ice refreezes around the string.

## January Science – Crystallized Snowflake

- Boil water and stir in the Borax and food coloring if desired. (3 Tablespoons of Borax for each cup of water.)
- Pour this mixture into a wide mouthed jar.
- Using a pipe cleaner, create a snowflake shape small enough to fit through the jar opening. White pipe cleaners work best with the colored water.
- Tie a short length of string to attach the snowflake to a pencil or dowel.
- Suspend the snowflake in the solution by laying the pencil across the mouth of the jar.
- Allow the snowflake to sit in the solution overnight.
- Remove and hang your snowflake!



## January Recipe

### Snow Shakes

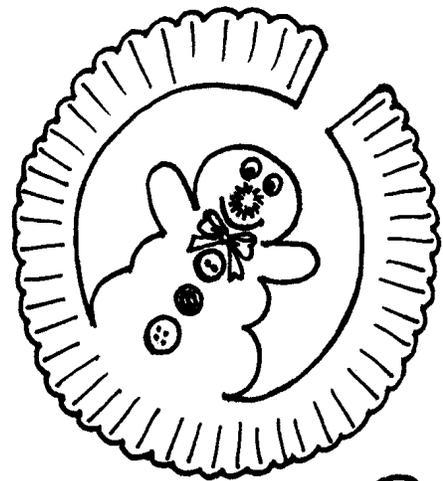
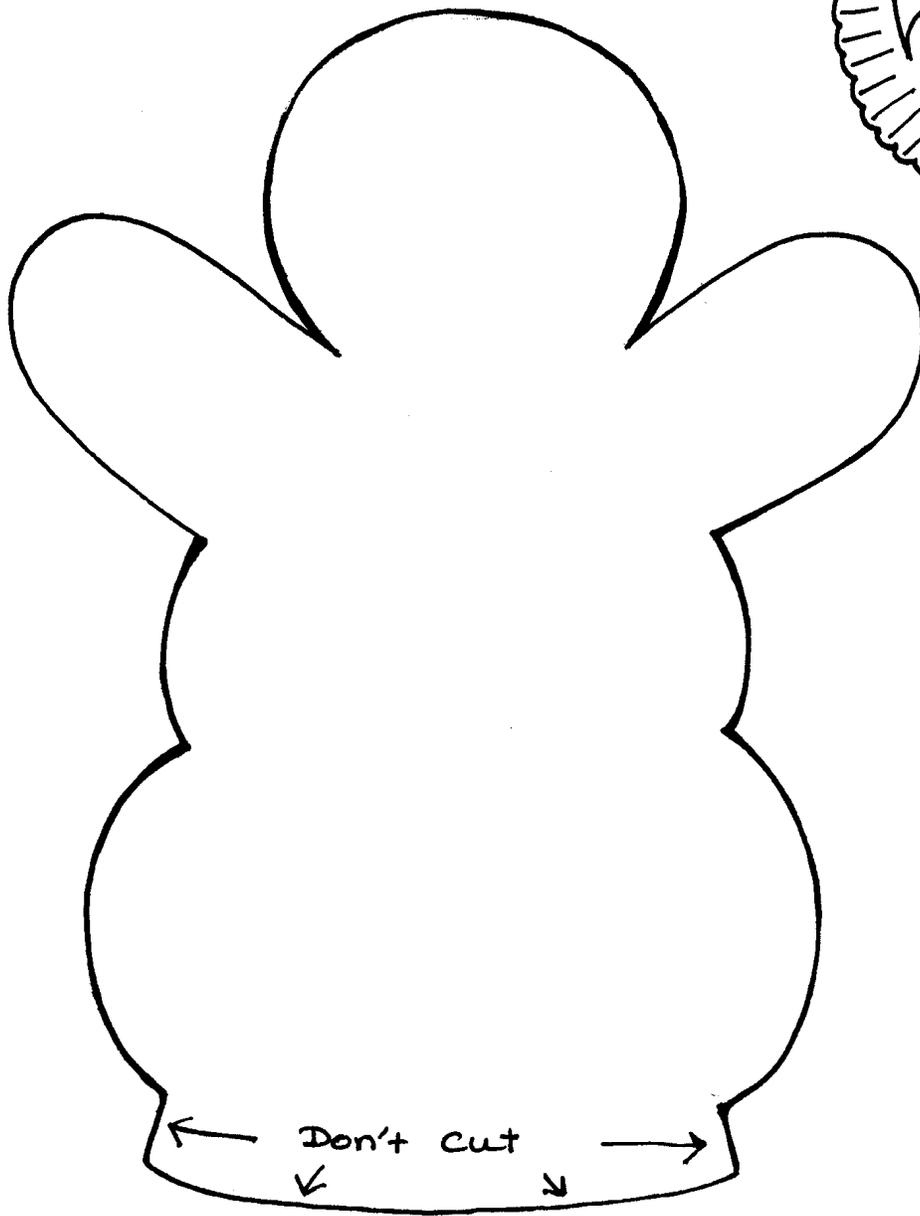
Give each child a Ziploc bag filled with one scoop of vanilla ice cream and 1/2 a cup of milk. Zip the bag closed and have the child hold the Ziploc top end with one hand and squeeze the ice cream and milk with the other. When it is blended, open the bag and insert a straw to sip and enjoy!

## January Art

### Standing Paper Plate Snowman:

1 paper plate  
2 wiggle eyes  
1 small pom pom  
markers  
glue  
Glitter - white or clear

- Make a pattern with the snowman blackline using laminated tag or construction paper.
- Trace the pattern on the bottom of a plate.
- Cut around the snowman outline to cut away the top part of the plate.
- Decorate the snowman as desired using glitter, buttons, pom poms, and so on.
- Sponge glue around the fluted edge of the plate and sprinkle with white or clear glitter to look like snow.
- Staple the bottom edge of the plate together.

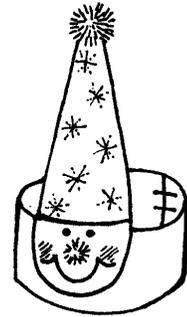
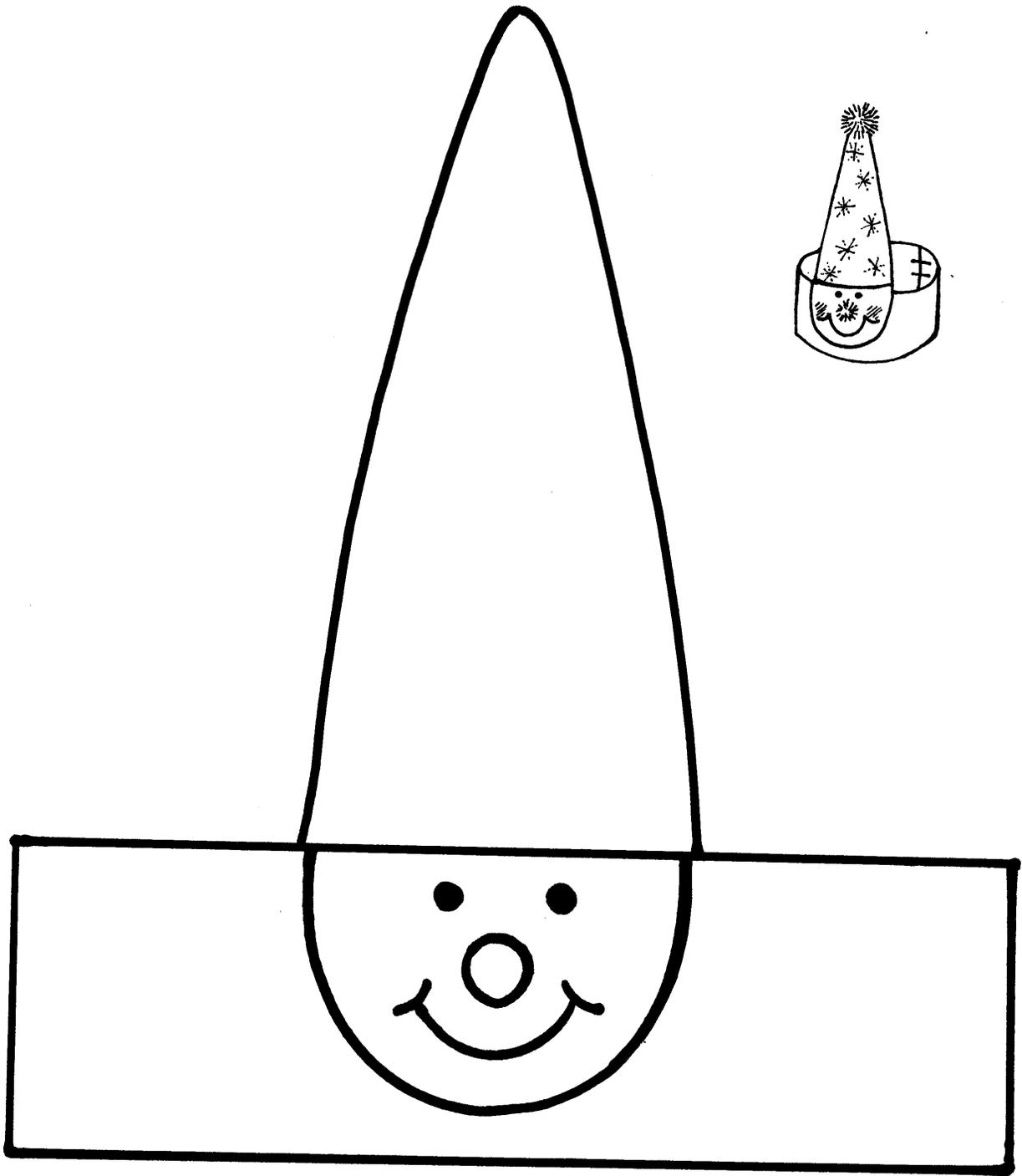


## January Poetry & Art

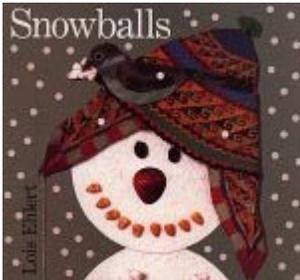
Playful little Jack Frost  
Came last night  
Yes, that's right  
He came last night

Painted all the windows  
A frosty white  
Just last night  
Just last night

- Photocopy the Jack Frost pattern on white construction paper.
- Cut around the outside of the pattern.
- Use a fingertip or Q-tip dipped in pink chalk or blush to make rosy cheeks.
- Use glitter glue to make snowflake shapes on the cap.
- Glue a small white pom pom on the nose and a medium pom pom on the top of Jack's hat.
- Staple the ends of the band together to make it stand up.
- This can be used as a decorative cup holder or stand up art.



# Book Recommendations



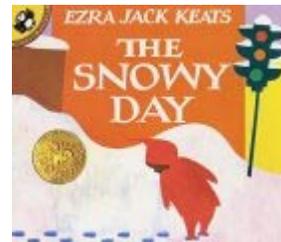
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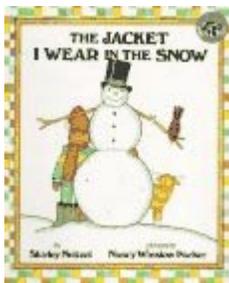
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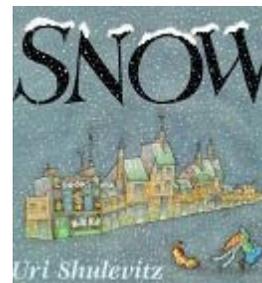
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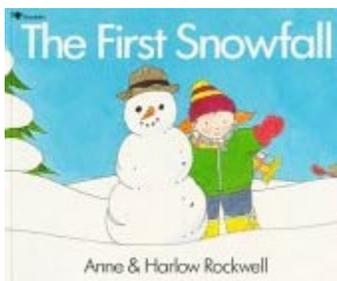
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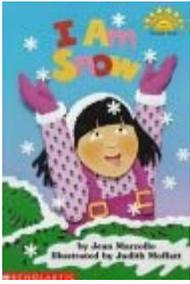
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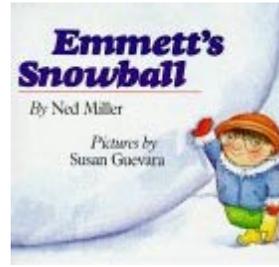
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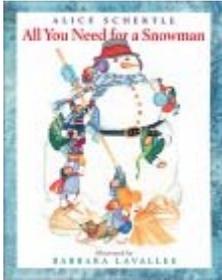
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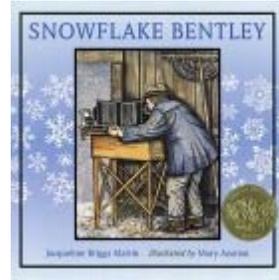
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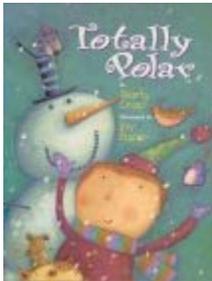
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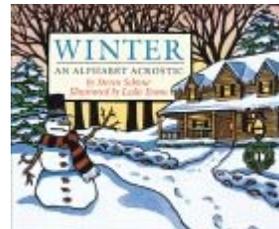
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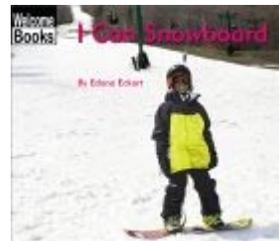
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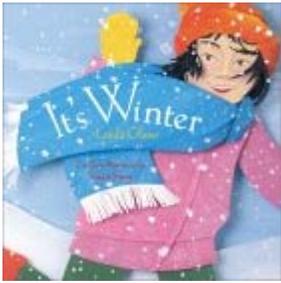
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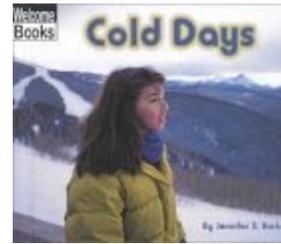
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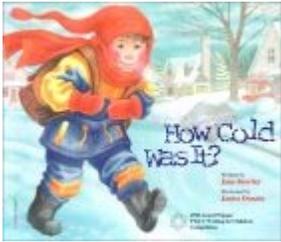
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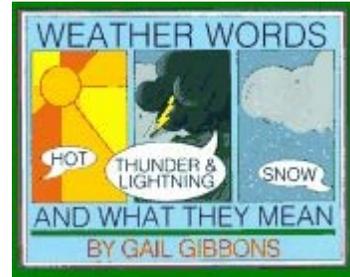
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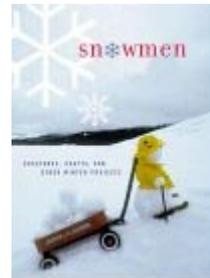
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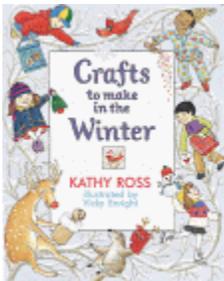
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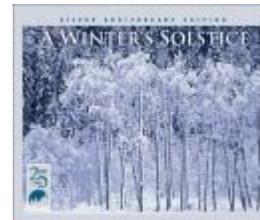
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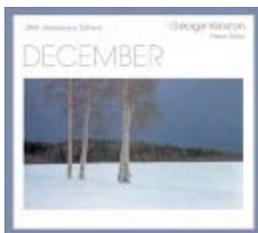
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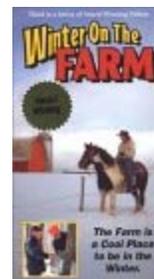
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