

# Lollipop Giant Snowflakes

Here's what you will need to make these huge decorations:

- Lollipop sticks
- Protractor
- Glue (PVA or superglue)
- Ribbon
- Newspaper

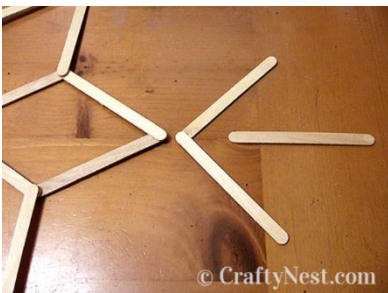
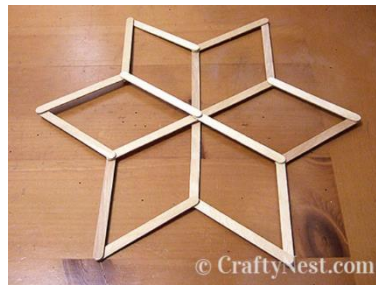
There are two basic designs – STAR and Hexagon

## STAR



Start by gluing six lollipop sticks in an asterik shape at 30 degree angles. Use a protractor to make sure your angles are accurate.

Then add the points to the star.



Finally depending on the patter, add the final craft sticks to complete the snowflake.

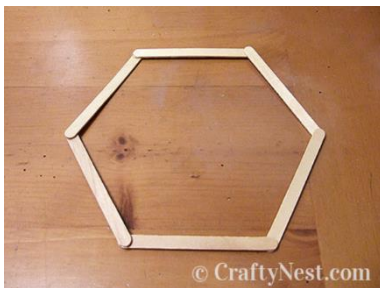
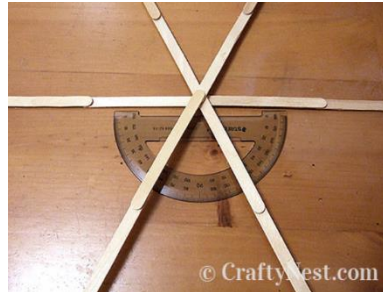


## HEXAGON



Start by gluing six lollipop sticks in an asterisk shape at 30 degree angles. Use a protractor to make sure your angles are accurate.

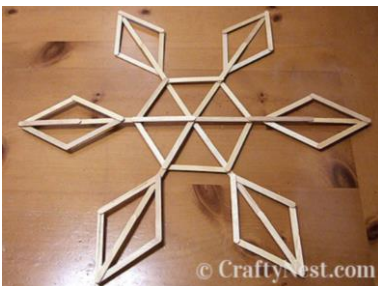
Add more sticks to expand the lengths



Glue six sticks in a hexagon shape, then glue each point of the hexagon to your asterisk shape.



Finally depending on the pattern, add the final lollipop sticks to complete the snowflake.



## TO FINISH

You can decide whether to leave your snowflakes plain wood or you can paint them whatever colour you like.

Attach a ribbon to the top point of the snowflake to hang.

# Paracord Bracelets



To make you will need:

Parachute cord

Plastic buckles

A lighter or matches (for melting and finishing the cut ends of cords.

Scissors

Tape Measure/Ruler

## How to make bracelets

1. Measure the diameter of your wrist by wrapping a single line of paracord around your wrist. Make sure it's nice and snug and with a marker, make a line across the paracord while it is wrapped around your wrist. Straighten out the paracord and measure the line. This will be used for reference later.

2. Take the 10 foot line of paracord and fold it in half.

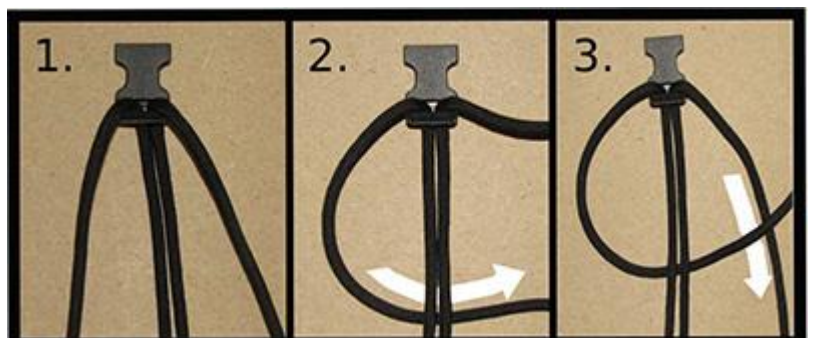
3. String the two loose ends through the male end of the buckle and pull them through the loop that the 10-foot line makes at the other end. Pull it tight and it should look like this:



4. Measure the line to the diameter of your wrist and add one centimetre, place the female end of the buckle.

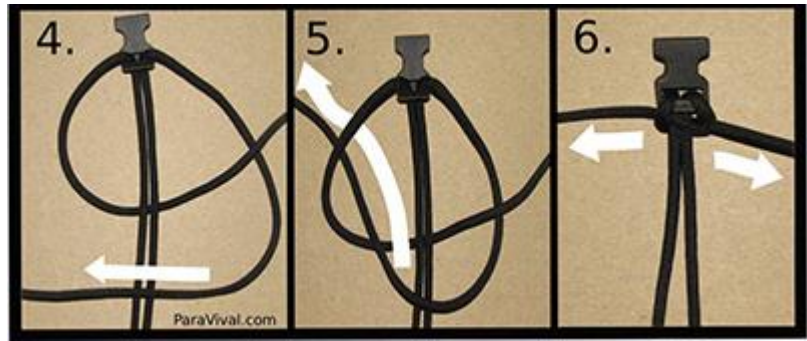
5. Position the bracelet with the female buckle at the top. The two loose ends of paracord should be coming up through the buckle.

6. Take the left paracord line and pull it under the two lines of the paracord bracelet. Then place it over the top of the right loose end.

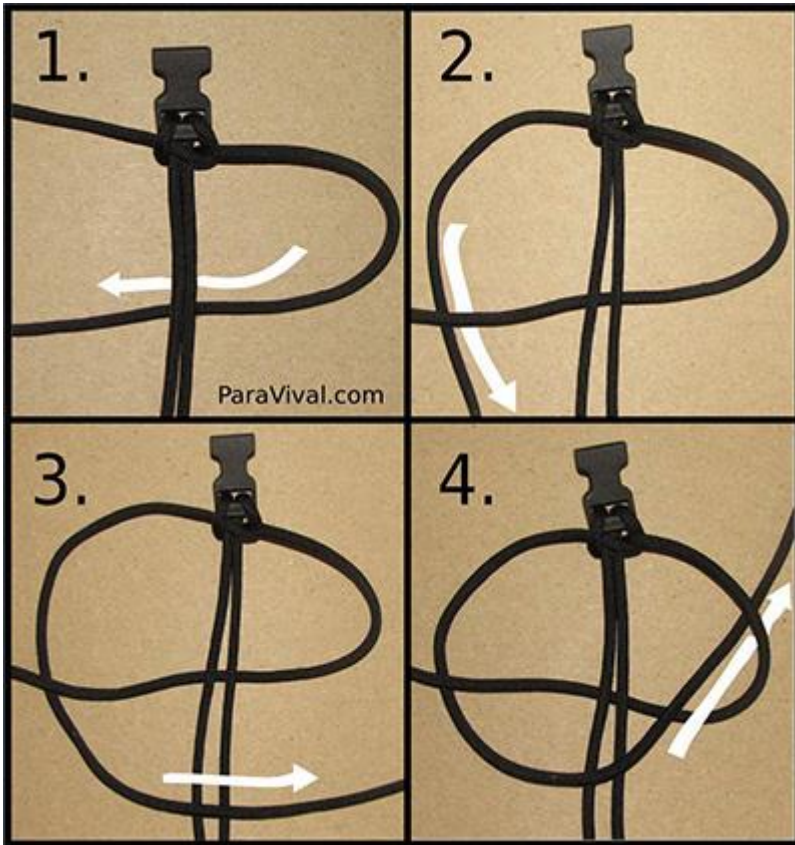




7. Then take the loose end on the right and place it over the top of the two bracelet strands. Then pull it through the loop that you made on the left side with the left loose end.
8. Pull the two loose ends tight so they tighten against the buckle.



**For the next section, you're going to basically repeat steps 6-8 but start with the opposite end.**



9. Take the loose end on the right side and pull it underneath the two strands of bracelet. Make sure it's on top of the loose left end.
10. Then take the loose end on the left and place it over the top of the two bracelet strands. Then pull it through the loop that you made on the right side with the right loose end.

11. Pull the two loose ends tight so they tighten against the previous knot.
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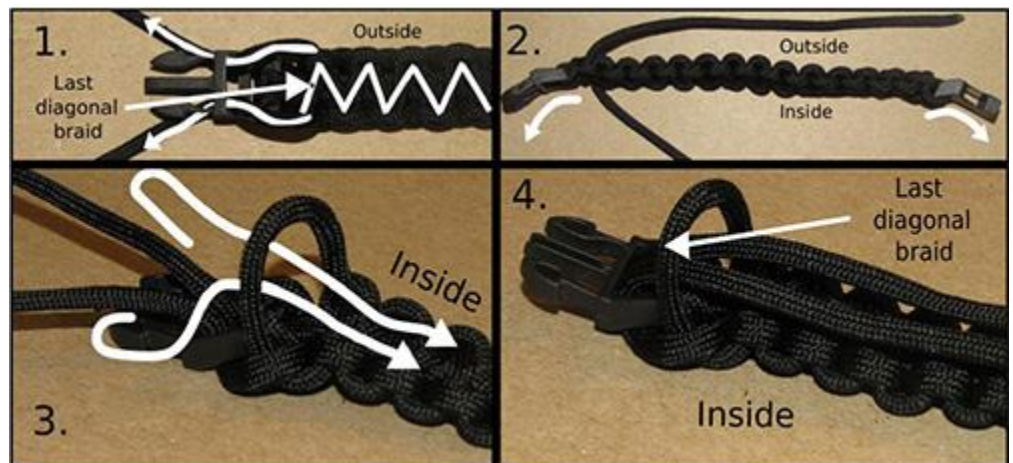
**Repeat**

13. Repeat steps 6-11 until the paracord reaches the end of the bracelet.

14. If you need more room to braid, simply hold the male buckle firmly and pull the knots down the line.

**Finishing the bracelet**

15. Take your loose cords and thread them through the remaining slit of the male buckle.
16. Slightly lift the last knot that you made and pull the two loose ends through the loop.
17. Cut the loose ends close (about 1/4 inches) to the end of the loop and seal them off by using a lighter.



## Brownies

### **Ingredients:**

250g real block butter  
250g dark chocolate  
4 large eggs  
300g caster sugar  
½ tsp vanilla essence  
100g plain flour, sieved  
60g cocoa powder  
½ tsp salt  
150g milk chocolate



### **Method:**

Heat oven to 160oC

Butter a 30 x 20 cm non-stick tin with butter and line the base with non-stick baking parchment.

Fill a small saucepan a third full with water, bring to a simmer and put a snug-fitting heatproof bowl on top of it.

Add the butter and dark chocolate and gently melt over a low heat, stirring occasionally. Be careful not to let it catch and burn on the bottom. Remove from the heat and leave to cool a little.

Beat the eggs and sugar together using an electric whisk for 8 – 10 mins or until thick enough to leave a trail.

Gently fold through the cooled chocolate and vanilla, followed by the flour, cocoa and salt.

Chop the milk chocolate into chunks and then add to the mixture.

Pour the brownie batter into the lined baking tin, place in the centre of the oven and back for 30-35 minutes.

Leave to cool in the tin.

ENJOY.



## Company & Senior's Christmas Quiz

1. Name Santa's Reindeer from the poem "Twas the night before Christmas"
2. Which Continent is the turkey from?
3. What is checked twice?
4. Which ocean is Christmas Island in?
5. What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?
6. Where was St. Nicholas born?
7. Name 5 parts or items of a snowman.
8. What are the "leaves" of a Christmas tree called?
9. What people were popularly called Robins because of their red uniforms in Victorian England?
10. In the song the 12 Days of Christmas "my true love brought to me..." what?
11. Who wrote "How the Grinch stole Christmas"?

*(Answers available on BB website [www.boysbrigade.ie](http://www.boysbrigade.ie) on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020)*



## Company & Senior's Bible Quiz

- 1 How many wise men were there?
  - a. 3
  - b. 4
  - c. The Bible does not say.
- 2 Did Joseph meet the wise men?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. The Bible does not say.
- 3 What animal did Mary ride to Bethlehem?
  - a. Donkey
  - b. Small horse
  - c. Llama
  - d. The Bible does not say
- 4 The Holy Family named the child "Jesus" because:
  - a. An Angel told Mary to use the name.
  - b. An Angel told Joseph to use the name.
  - c. All of the above.
  - d. None of the above.
- 5 What type of building was Jesus born in?
  - a. Stable
  - b. Cave
  - c. Inn
  - d. The Bible does not say.
- 6 What animals were present at the Nativity?
  - a. Cattle
  - b. Sheep
  - c. Doves
  - d. All of the above
  - e. The Bible does not say.
- 7 Who besides the wise men saw the star?
  - a. The shepherds
  - b. King Herod's astrologers
  - c. The Bible does not say.
- 8 How did the star compare in brightness with the other stars?
  - a. Brighter
  - b. Equivalent
  - c. A faint glow over the horizon.
  - d. The Bible does not say.
- 9 How soon after Joseph and Mary reached Bethlehem was Jesus born?
  - a. Within minutes.
  - b. That night
  - c. The Bible does not say.

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## The Birth of Jesus



Luke 2:1-20 (MSG)

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for.

So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

There were shepherders camping in the neighbourhood. They had set night watches over their sheep.

Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: a Saviour has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed.

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself.

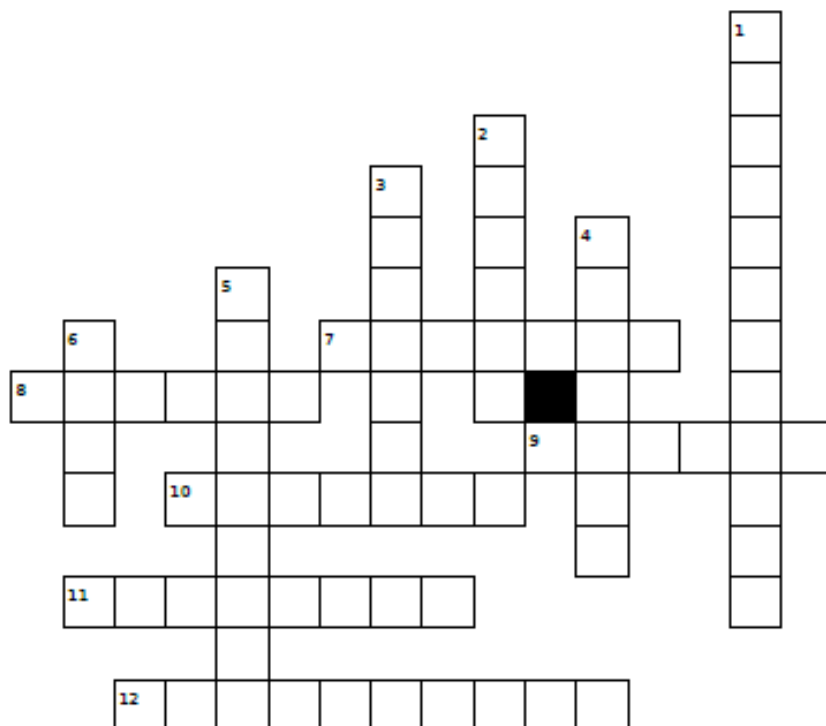
The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

### **Activities**

1. Compose a Prayer
2. Create a piece of art / photography / collage of photos
3. What does this story mean to the young person?
4. What is the relevance of the Christmas Story in modern life?



# BB Activity Pack Company Section Crossword



## Down:

1. traditionally the 2nd present of the Wise Men to Jesus
2. counting when applied to a population
3. angel like
4. this is called "brontannas" in the Irish language
5. there will likely be a new one in America soon
6. another name for the Wise Men

## Across:

7. Jesus was one when his family had to flee to Egypt
8. we work hard to gain these in BB
9. head protector
10. this usually has two wheels
11. minus a home
12. a lot of these have had to go "virtual" in BB



# Word Search



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## Outdoor Activities for Company/Seniors

Be David Attenborough for the Day! Go outside and take photos of the wildlife around you!



How many different species can you capture on camera?



Send the pictures to [info@boysbrigade.ie](mailto:info@boysbrigade.ie) with the name of your Company so they can be put on our Facebook page.



### What you Need:

A camera/ Camera phone.





## Indoor Activities for Company/Seniors

### Logo Quiz

Think you know the difference between the logos for different brands, shops and products?

Put your logo knowledge to the test in our logo quiz.

For this activity you will need to have access to the logo quiz worksheet overleaf.

Look through all the logos and write down an answer for each one.

How many can you guess correctly?

Find out by checking out the answers on the BB website [www.boysbrigade.ie](http://www.boysbrigade.ie) on (21<sup>st</sup> December 2020).

Now create your own logo quiz to test on a family member or to send to your BB Company.

Find different logos on the internet and put them into a document.

How many of your logos can others guess correctly?

#### What you Need:

Logo quiz worksheet, Pen/Pencil

# Logo Quiz - page 1



## Logo Quiz - page 2



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## Indoor Activities for Company/Seniors:

### Marble Run Challenge



Marble runs are all about being creative and finding clever ways of getting a marble to travel to the ground. What ways can you think of? Marble runs can be created almost anywhere. On walls, from tables, inside large cardboard boxes or wherever else you can think of. You'll need to gather suitable resources from around the house. Things like cardboard, cereal boxes & toilet roll tubes are perfect.

Marble runs should be creative and imaginative – so try to think of clever ways to make your marble travel. They should also take the marble on a journey – so try and make sure it takes as long as possible for the marble to travel to the floor.

You can also create more elaborate mechanisms for the marble to run through.

Marble runs need to be tested out as they are being made. One of the trickiest bits in making them is stopping the marble from flying off the ends of the rolls as it bounced down one track to the next. You can experiment with making stoppers and buffers to prevent this from happening – it is all part of the problem-solving process!

We would love to see your finished Marble Run, so send us a photo or video so we can show it on the BB Facebook page.