

12 Days of Christmas

HOME ACTIVITIES



- 1 **Grow the Grinch's Heart 3x Science Experiment** – with a few simple ingredients, this fun experiment is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!
- 2 **Crystal Candy Cane Ornament Experiment** – Grow your own crystals! In 18-24 hours, you will have made a crystalized candy cane ornament to hang on your tree. It can even be saved (delicately) for years to come! You can also make a [Gingerbread Man](#) with a similar process.
- 3 **Snowball Bowling** – Stack up plastic cups into a pyramid shape and bowl “snowballs” to knock over as many cups as you can! Take advantage of the Erie snow and move the fun outside to the driveway or patio.
- 4 **Jingle Bell Rock! Let's Make Music** – In just a few minutes you can make your own jingle bell musical instrument. What's more fun than singing and dancing to your favorite carols - now, with your very own instrument!
- 5 **Build Your Own Mini Gingerbread House** – This fun holiday tradition can be easily completed in less than 30 minutes! Don't forget the Teddy Graham or gummy bear to guard your house! If it is a warm day, this activity may be perfect to do on your patio in case those gum drops go rolling away...
- 6 **Grow Your Own Christmas Tree** – With a large “Christmas tree shaped” sponge and few other supplies, you can grow your own tree. It takes approximately 2-3.5 weeks before your ‘tree’ will need a trim, so be sure to start early!
- 7 **Christmas Light Bulb Suncatchers** – They look just like the real thing! In a few easy steps, you can create a beautiful suncatcher in the shape of a [Christmas tree](#), ornament or snowman! Don't be afraid to add sparkly gems!
- 8 **Giant gingerbread men & women self-portraits** – Have someone trace an outline of your body and decorate just like a gingerbread man! Hang them on the wall to make your own gingerbread family - include your pets too!
- 9 **Check out free Christmas light displays** – Count how many reindeer or Santa's you see on your lights journey! The Barber Institute is hosting a [Christmas Lights Contest](#) from Dec. 12-Jan. 2. Other free displays are the Perry Square Downtown Lights and [Presque Isle Lights 2020](#). Most display's will be up all season long!
- 10 **Frozen Bubbles Outdoor Activity** – Did you know that bubbles freeze when blown outside when temperatures drop below freezing? The colder the better! Frozen bubbles look like glass-blown ornaments, so it is a perfect chilly December day activity.
- 11 **Dissolving Candy Cane & Peppermint Candies Experiment** – See how quickly each candy dissolves right before your eyes! Try out different temperatures of water and other candy colors too.
- 12 **Paper Plate Christmas Masks/Photo Props** – This is a festive way to jazz up your Christmas photos this year! You can create a fun prop in minutes with just a few supplies. Have fun with it!

12 Days of Christmas SUPPLY LIST

- 1** **Grow the Grinch's Heart 3x Science Experiment** – Balloon, sharpie, water bottle, vinegar, baking soda & funnel
- 2** **Crystal Candy Cane Ornament Experiment** – Festive-colored pipe cleaners, mason jars, borax, ribbon (for the end product-ornament), pan, tablespoon, measuring cup & popsicle sticks
- 3** **Snowball Bowling** – Red solo or other disposable cups, spare socks & cotton filling.
- 4** **Jingle Bell Rock! Let's Make Music** – Pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, festive-colored paint/brush (optional), jingle bells & hot glue.
- 5** **Build Your Own Mini Gingerbread House** – Graham crackers, frosting, & any favorite holiday candy will make the perfect little house.
- 6** **Grow Your Own Christmas Tree** – Large sponge (cut into the shape of a Christmas tree), quick growing grass seed & water.
- 7** **Christmas Light Bulb Suncatchers** – Contact paper or vinyl book protectors, colorful tissue paper, black permanent marker, scissors, tape & sparkly gems (optional)
- 8** **Giant gingerbread men & women self-portraits** – Kraft paper roll, black sharpie, masking tape, stickers & markers/paint.
- 9** **Go for a walk to check out the neighborhood Christmas light displays** - no supplies needed!
- 10** **Frozen Bubbles Outdoor Activity** – Bubbles
- 11** **Dissolving Candy Cane & Peppermint Candies Experiment** – Candy canes or peppermint candies, cups, water, & a timer
- 12** **Paper Plate Christmas Masks/Photo Props** – Paper plates, craft/construction paper, popsicles, Elmers glue & embellishments of your choice.



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