



Circle Snowman

Activity Type: Arts & Crafts

Focuses: Size concepts of large/big, medium, and small/little

You will need three white circles of different sizes and a piece of paper to glue them on (black or blue works really well). This activity incorporates the size concepts of large/big, medium, and small/little. Depending on your child's age and skill level she can help you trace the circles and/or cut them out. For tracers you can use a bowl, toddler cup, and Tupperware container or any other circular objects you have around the house. Place the circles on the table and ask your child, for example, to find the "big circle." You can incorporate further directions and concepts such as "Put the big circle near the *bottom* of your paper." For younger children they can watch you put your circle on your paper and tell them to do the same, or you can draw a little smiley face or use a sticker and tell them "Put your circle on the smiley face." When all three circles are on the paper your child can decorate a face, draw arms, hat etc. Decorate the background with white chalk, cotton balls, and/or q-tips dipped in white paint.

Remember our children's art shouldn't look perfect or look exactly like ours as adults. Art is creative and each child/person has a different idea about what they like and how they want it to look! Let's face it-children's art is all fantastic!

Related Activities/Ideas:

Shape Search: Show your child a circle and have him find other circles around the house. Find other shapes and compare them-are they the same or different etc.

Size Comparisons: Find other objects around the house and decide which are big or little. Also decide which are bigger, smaller, biggest, and smallest.

Balloon Art: Blow up a balloon to a small size. Dip the largest part of the balloon into white paint and place it on a piece of paper. Make three prints one above the other (making a snowman). Let dry. Then decorate with markers, crayons, chalk, stickers etc.

Marble paint a snowstorm: Place a piece of darker colored paper in a box top that will fit the paper. Pour a small amount of white paint into a shallow bowl. Drop marbles into the paint. Spoon marbles out and place them in the box top. Tip the box from side to side making a snowstorm. A sturdy box works best for this activity.

Recite a Poem:

A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose.
Along came a bunny, and what do you suppose?
That hungry little bunny, looking for his lunch
Ate that snowman's carrot nose
Nibble, nibble crunch

Pass the snowball: Use a Styrofoam ball to play a hot potato game (you will need a few children for this game). Start playing music (or singing the lyrics below) and passing the "snowball" around the circle. When the music (or singing) stops the child who holding the "snowball" can either sit out or to make it a non-competitive game...the music starts again and everyone stays in the game.

Lyrics: (Sung to the tune of London Bridge is Falling Down)

Pass the snowball, round and round
Round and round, round and round
Pass the snowball round and round
All around the circle

Snowball parachute (blanket) play: Have several Styrofoam balls (at least one for each participant). Throw the "snowballs" into the parachute (blanket) and start shaking creating a snowstorm or blizzard.
