Snowflake Time

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No matter what the weather is like outside, you can make it snow in the new year!

What You'll Need:

baking sheet or shallow pan basket coffee filter water paintbrush watercolor paints and/or food coloring scissors

What to Do:

1. With a grownup, place the coffee filter on the baking sheet. Dip your paintbrush in water and use it to wet and flatten the entire filter.

2. Add a few drops of paint or food coloring to the wet filter. Swirl the colors around with your paintbrush.

3. Let the filter dry on its own, or ask your grownup to dry it with a hair dryer. Now you can go to the next step, or ask your grownup to iron the filter on low heat. (Adults: place filter between paper towels to keep the iron clean.)

4. Fold the filter in half. Now fold it in half again. Almost there! Fold it in half one more time.

5. Cut into the straight edges and round edge to make a design. Remember not to cut all the way through.

6. Carefully unfold and admire your beautiful snowflake. If you wish, you can ask your grownup to iron it or flatten it between heavy books. Or go ahead and hang the snowflake up!

Have a happy, snowy New Year!

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