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THE MYSTERY ON THE ICE

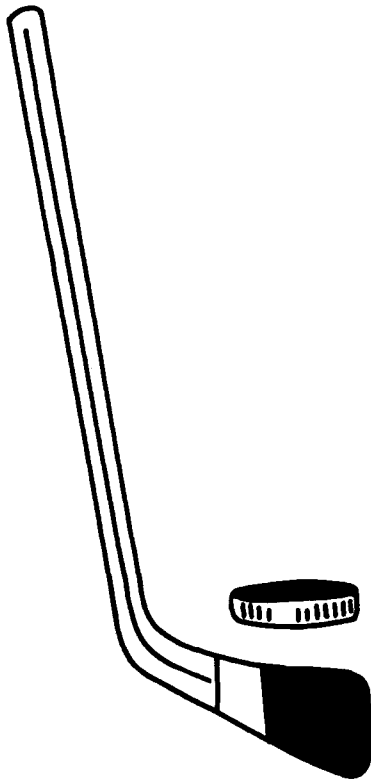
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Great Things to Make and Do!

When the Alden children lived alone in the boxcar, they made everything by themselves. A tin can and a spoon made a fine dinner bell. A burned stick became a pencil. A bundle of sticks worked well as a broom. You can make terrific things, too. Here's how!



Winter Wonderland Snow Globe

Make it snow all year long!

You will need:

one small glass jar
aluminum foil
a small evergreen branch
water
liquid dishwashing detergent
scissors



Here's what you do:

1. Remove the labels from your jar.
2. Cut the aluminum foil into teeny-tiny pieces. They will be your snowflakes. You will need enough pieces to cover the bottom of the jar.
3. Put the foil pieces in the jar.
4. Place the evergreen branch in the jar.
5. Fill the jar to the top with water.
6. Add one drop of dishwashing detergent to the water (it will keep the flakes from floating).
7. Tightly screw on the lid.

To make it snow, turn your globe upside down and right side up again.



Super Sponge Print Wrapping Paper

This homemade wrapping paper is just right for holiday time — or any time! (Helpful hint: This can get pretty messy so wear a smock or old clothes and cover the floor around you with newspaper or a dropcloth.)

You will need:

one thick sponge
one saucer
three colors of tempera paint
plain white wrapping paper
a knife or scissors

Here's what you do:

1. Ask an adult to cut your sponge in any shape you'd like. Stars and snowflakes are good winter shapes.
2. Pour one color of tempera paint into the saucer.
3. Dip one side of your sponge into the paint.
4. Blot the painted side of the sponge onto the wrapping paper.
5. When you are finished with one color, wash the sponge and the saucer clean. Then start again with the next color.
6. Allow your wrapping paper to dry completely before wrapping gifts with it.