

Learn Your Letters with a Winter Alphabet Book

When it's snowing outside, A is for arctic, B is for brrrr, and C is for cocoa! Help your little one learn her letters and celebrate the chilly season with a handmade winter words alphabet book. Combining crafting, art, letter recognition, and even handwriting, this activity is a well-rounded learning experience. How many wintry words can your little one think up?

What You Need:

- 27 sheets of construction paper (one sheet per letter, plus one for the cover)
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Markers or crayons
- Safety scissors
- Photographs or magazine clippings of winter scenes and glue (optional)



What You Do:

1. Start by going on a nature walk with your child to observe the natural surroundings and find inspiration for your book. What does she see in the winter landscape? Discuss the colors and shapes she sees.
2. Once you're finished exploring outside, it's time to make your alphabet book. Help her punch two holes in each piece of paper, one in the upper left corner and one in the lower left corner.
3. Stack the pages together book style, lining up the holes on the left side.
4. Help her sew the book together by threading yarn through the holes and tying a knot.
5. Ask her to draw a winter scene on the cover with the markers or crayons. Try using a white crayon on dark paper to create a snowy scene.
6. Now that your book is assembled, fill it up with letters. Help your child write one letter on each page in crayon or marker. Let her do as much of the writing herself as she can to give her handwriting practice; if she has trouble, try writing the letters lightly in pencil and asking her to trace over them with a marker or crayon.
7. Time to illustrate! Help her think of winter things for each letter of the alphabet and draw them on the corresponding pages.
8. If you have photographs or magazine clippings, you can use those to create winter collages for each letter instead of drawing pictures. Have her pick out images for each letter and glue them on the pages.

Leaf through your winter alphabet book daily to help your child learn her letters! Try making a book for each season for a full year of alphabet learning.

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