

Ranger Rick's Winter Fun Guide



Full of Winter Activities

Tasty Recipes, Fun Games, and Creative Crafts!

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Mitten Makeovers

Don't toss out your old mittens—bring them back to life with these friendly faces of the forest!

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RABBIT



RED FOX



RACCOON



GREAT HORNED OWL



BADGER



What You Do

- 1 Go to rangerrick.org/mittens to download the animal patterns.
- 2 Use the patterns to cut out shapes from the felt.
- 3 Arrange the felt shapes onto a mitten as shown, and glue in place. For the raccoon, red fox, and rabbit designs, cut six equal-length strands of fishing line or twine. Glue each of these “whisker” pieces in place before gluing down the nose.
- 4 Glue on button eyes. Once the glue dries, your mittens are ready to wear.

Create extra pairs for your friends and family—they'll make great gifts for the holidays! 🦉

What You Need

- animal patterns
- fabric glue (available at craft stores)
- mittens
- buttons
- felt
- fishing line or plastic craft twine
- scissors

Pine-Cone Bird Feeder

Help backyard birds find food this winter by hanging this bird treat in a tree outside your window.

What you need

- winter bird mix (See below.)
- bits of dried fruit
- sunflower seeds
- pine cones
- wire or string

What you do

1. Attach wire or string to the top of a pine cone to make a hanger.
2. Make winter bird mix.
3. Spread the mixture between the scales of the pine cone.
4. Decorate the pine cone with bits of dried fruit and sunflower seeds.
5. Chill the pine cone in the refrigerator to harden.



Winter Bird Mix

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lard
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup peanut butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup birdseed
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cornmeal

With an adult's help, melt the lard and peanut butter together. Then stir in the birdseed and cornmeal. Let cool.



PENGUIN PANCAKES

Here's a cool way to start your day!

What You Need

- pancakes (two large and one small)
- vanilla yogurt
- melted chocolate
(For a healthy option, use chocolate yogurt instead.)
- American cheese
- raisin or chocolate chip
- shredded coconut
- hard-boiled egg



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- 1 For the body, place a large pancake in the center of your plate. For the head, add the small pancake above it.
- 2 Cut two wing shapes and an oval-shaped belly from the remaining large pancake. Arrange on the plate, as shown.

- 3 Spread chocolate on the penguin's head, wings, and body. Cover the oval belly with vanilla yogurt.
- 4 Cut a triangle bill and two feet from the cheese. Place the shapes on the penguin, as shown.

- 5 "Glue" a raisin or chocolate chip eye on the penguin's head with vanilla yogurt. Sprinkle coconut "snow" on the plate.
- 6 Place the egg between the penguin's feet.

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